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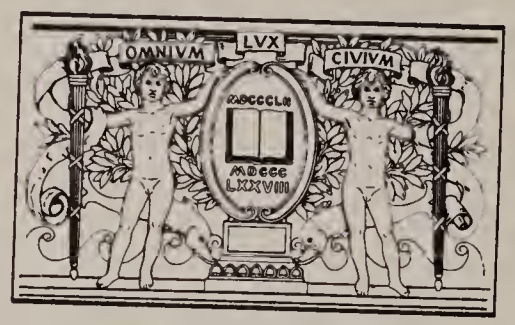

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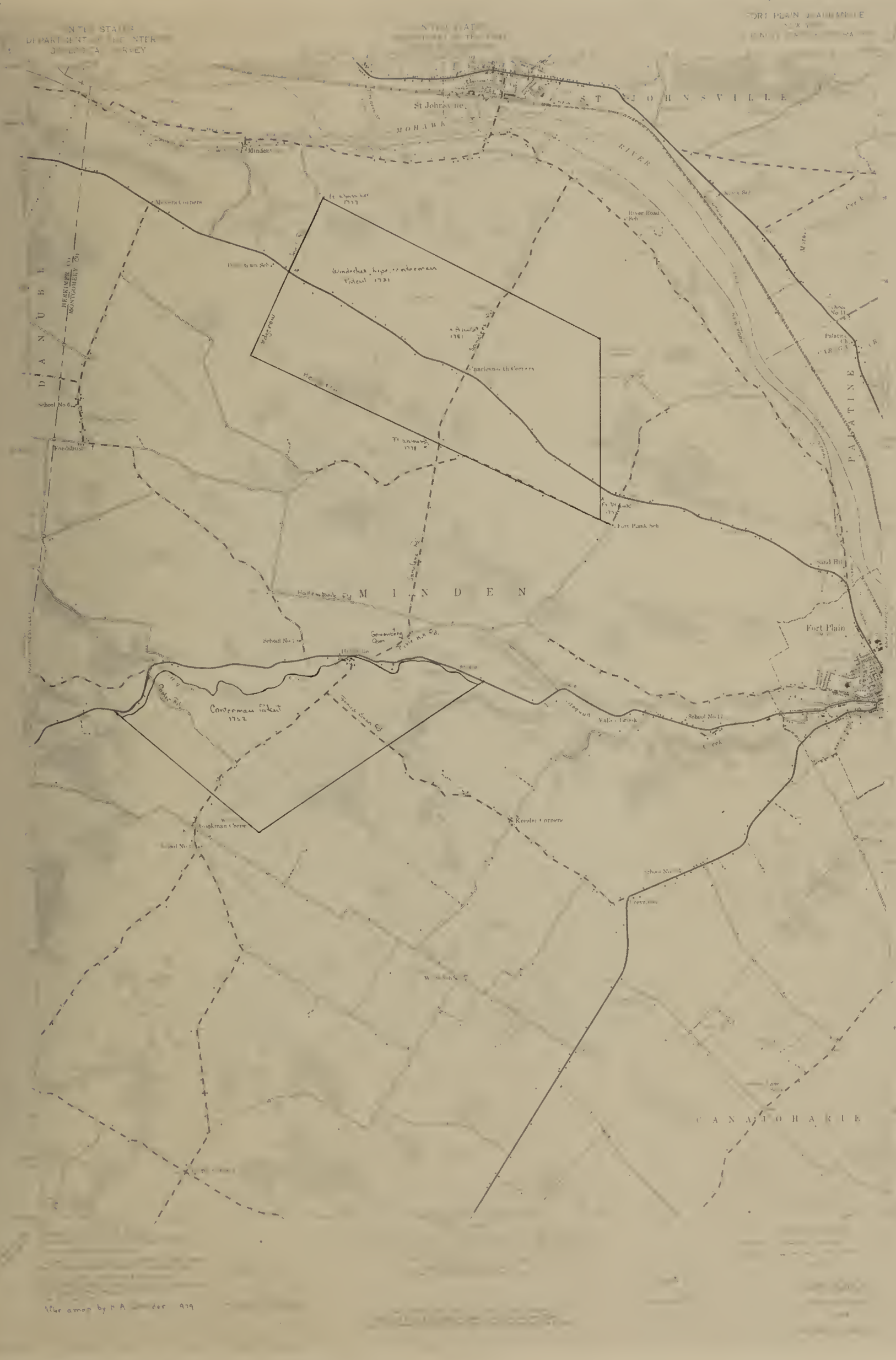

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including a reproduction of
Countryman Genealogy, 1925

A mill is an appropriate choice for our cover picture, as many of the early Countrymans were millwrights.

Compiled by Ardell and Grace Countryman
with the cooperation of
Countryman Family Members

– 1986 –

PREFACE

It was in the late twenties that I first saw a copy of the 1925 *Countryman Genealogy*. My grandfather, Andrew J. Countryman, had supplied information for a greater part of his family as well as he could remember, and from records available at the time. This can be found in the genealogy of Jacob, page 92 of the 1925 edition. I was impressed to find my name on page 94, along with those of my parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins (only a few at that time — many more were to come later).

Aunt Maybelle Countryman Rhue had inherited the book from her father, who had passed away in 1927. She saw my interest and presented that precious old volume to me. She later inspired the first family reunion, which turned out to be an annual occasion, only being cancelled one year. That was the year that she quietly slipped away, a little more than a week before the time set for the gathering. Many of those attending her funeral would have been at the reunion.

This genealogy accompanied us on many of our early family vacations, one of the earliest being in 1950. We visited Tweed, Ontario, Canada, where our unannounced arrival was most graciously received. Our visit was culminated by a hastily arranged reunion, called by Howard and Blanche Countryman and held at a park near their cabin on Stoco Lake. Here, many new distant cousins were found, many of whom are listed in the '25 genealogy, page 95, and a number of close friendships were established.

We continued on to the Mohawk Valley in New York — Herkimer, Little Falls, Fort Plain, Stone Arabia, Canajoharie, and others in the area of what was known in pre-Revolutionary times as German Flats. This was the home of many of the descendants of the Conrad Countryman family, later to be revisited with Rudy and Elizabeth Dehn in 1982.

Grandfather had five older brothers. Members of the Lewis and Dennis families were the closest, and among the earliest to attend the annual reunions. Three others needed to be found — Horace, Alex and Eli. Our search began, first at Roundup, Montana, where the descendants of Alex were located. Next to Columbus, Montana, and the descendants of Horace; finally to Marysville, California, the descendants of Eli. We located many second cousins, and in one case, Mrs. Katherine Albertson, a first cousin of my father's, was found and visited.

As the years progressed, more relatives became interested in the '25 genealogy. It was then decided at the 1975 reunion that the 1925 *Countryman Genealogy* should be reprinted and be ready for the '76 reunion, a fitting accomplishment to help celebrate the 200th anniversary of our Independence. Robert Ripley had featured Conrad Countryman in his "Believe It or Not" column as the "Daddy of the Revolution," having had 26 sons and grandsons in General Washington's army. What better time to pay tribute.

At the advice of our Woodbury County Librarian, Sara McElrath of Moville, Iowa, 500 copies were printed, 70 of which were distributed at the 1976 reunion. A number of copies were placed in libraries, an ad was placed in the *Genealogical Helper* together with their excellent review, and the seed was sown. Today, fewer than 50 copies of these reprints are available. We acquired a list of over 200 names and addresses.

In 1984 a county history book of Woodbury County, Iowa, was published by Curtis Media Corporation, Dallas, Texas. Bob Knowler, a personal friend, is a partner in this publishing company. The Woodbury County history is full of personal family biographical stories, together with family pictures. A thought occurred to me; Grace and I considered it: Why not ask Bob if his company would be interested in printing a family history, The Countryman Family? At first Bob declined, saying that usually there was not enough interest to warrant an undertaking of such a project by their company. I told him that we had the mailing list of over 200, as well as the nation-wide list supplied by Beatrice Bailey, with more than 800 Countryman names. This gave us a mailing list nearing 1,000 households.

At our next meeting Bob had reconsidered, and had a plan whereby we could "test the field" to see if enough interest existed. This would be a first for their company. Curtis Media would print and furnish the promotional material similar to that used for county histories. We, Grace and I, would do the mailing, including the postage.

The response was encouraging. Nearly 200 letters came back as "unknown address", but there was enough interest to go for another mailing. This time we stated that the project was *go*, and asked for stories, along with family pictures and reservations for space and books at a pre-print price. Several more notices were placed in the *Genealogical Helper*. We were underway. The word spread — a number of families had copies made of the brochure and sent them on to the rest of their families.

In January 1986 we mailed cards stating that we would like to have the stories by Easter. This brought in a large number. The company then decided to move a computer to the Sioux City office and Bob's associate, Nancy Ellis, began processing the stories for typesetting. The disks were sent to Dallas, with computer printouts returned to us for proofing. Nancy, we thank you so much. You probably know the Countryman family better than any of us. Grace and I have proofread this book, and so has Nancy.

As this book goes to press it is with great satisfaction that Grace and I see a dream of many years coming to a most successful conclusion.

In the third chapter of the 1925 *Countryman Genealogy*, on page 72, John E. Countryman poses the question, "Is it a strain to credence that the traditional John Fredreich Contreman is the progenitor of all the Contremans, Condermans, and Countrymans in America, however spelled?" To this date we have not found one who has the proof to dispute the statement. Rather, a number of professional genealogists, along with the searcher hired by Hank Jones, have located and found the roots of this family, together with time, date, and name of ship of their arrival to America.

It is with humble recognition we realize that without the help of all who supplied the biographies and pictures to make this such a beautiful book to be cherished by posterity, it would never have come about. We thank you all most sincerely.

Yet, there is a note of sadness when we think of those who have been invited and saw fit not to take part. Many of their children will someday be disappointed to think that their parents lacked the pride or will to be listed among the archives of this pioneer Countryman family who have had a part in the building of this wonderful nation of ours for over 276 years . . . a record of which we all can be proud.

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PART I

By

Alvin Countryman

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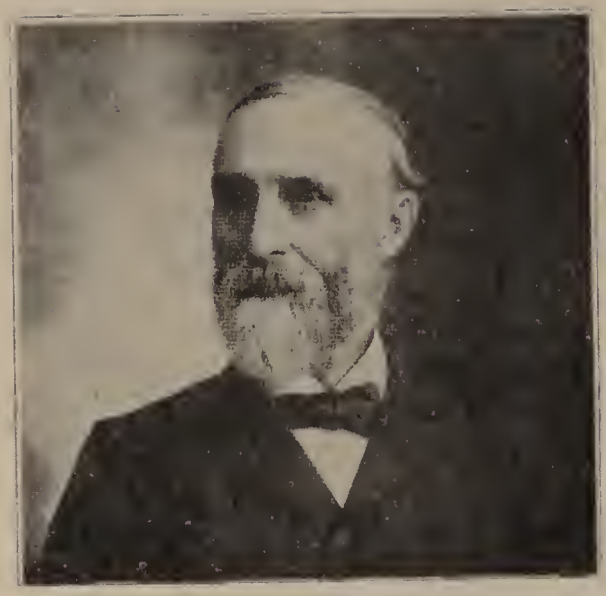

Alvin Countryman

To show in a small measure our appreciation of his efforts in collecting and compiling this family history, we affectionately dedicate this volume to our father, the late Alvin Countryman, born February 4th, 1835; died January 13th, 1916.

His Family

In this year of 1975, we have arranged for a reprint of the original 1925 Countryman Genealogy. Fifty years have passed since the first copies came off the press at Lux Brothers and Heath. A span of time when more than two generations have been added to the ever growing Countryman clan.

This book will be an exact copy, except for a few dates in our own family which have been recognized as in error and have been corrected. It will be published and available in the year of 1976, the Bi-centennial year of these United States of America. Our family, who for nearly three centuries, is proud to have had a part in the development of this free land of ours.

The 1925 edition was dedicated to Alvin Countryman and his parents John I. and Nancy Failing Countryman. This reprint is also dedicated to John Erving Countryman who completed and brought to print the first edition.

Furthermore we recognize and dedicate this reprint, to my Grandfather, Andrew J. (Jack) Countryman, youngest son of Peter and Margaret Nicholas Countryman. For without his interest in family history, his several contributions to the original edition and a purchaser of one of these first volumes, now a prized personal possession, it would not have been possible for us to bring about this first reprint of this most valuable family history.

Ardell Countryman, 1975

Preface

The idea of family reunions and the compiling of a Countryman genealogy occurred to the late Alvin Countryman on August 15, 1901, when Mr. and Mrs. Countryman, their grandson, Arthur T. Guest, and Fred W. Craft attended a clan reunion at Silver Lake Assembly, New York.

Heretofore, the members of the family in Steuben county, New York, mostly descendants of John A. I. and Solomon, had held reunions attracting from fifty to one hundred of the relatives together, including an occasional member from other branches. But in the year 1901 it was determined to lay the foundations of a more comprehensive organization which would be in touch with all possible members of the family and provide for accurate gathering of all possible data bearing on the genealogy of the family.

President, Rev. A. F. Countryman, of Scottsburg, N. Y., presided, and Alvin Countryman was elected President, and the next reunion was voted to Rochelle for June, 1902.

The largest and most nearly representative reunion ever held was that of June 18, 1902, at Rochelle, Illinois, the first for this section. About one hundred and twenty guests assembled and some of these, own cousins, who had never met before. Among them were Rev. and Mrs. Abram F. Countryman and sister, Mrs. Margaret E. Bateman, of Scottsburg, New York, who for a first time greeting, met their cousins, Robert Emmet Countryman and his most estimable wife of Weeping Waters, Nebraska. Since the 1902 reunion, nineteen reunions have been held in Rochelle, Rockford, DeKalb, Dixon, Fairdale and Lynnville.

For years Alvin Countryman revelled in these gatherings and faithfully collected data on the family. At the time of his death, January 13, 1916, he was about to realize the ambition of his life, the publication of the family history.

Since that time Miss Emma V. Countryman, a daughter; John E. Countryman, a brother; Arthur T. Guest, a grandson, and Mrs. Ida Countryman Craft, a niece, have carried on with the results as herein set forth.

Alvin Countryman leaves to the clan a history that the name "Countryman" may be perpetuated. He has not lived in vain.

THE "COUNTRYMAN" NAME.

The name "Countryman" is the English translation of the German word "Lantzman." It is readily acknowledged to be the proper translation by German scholars. In the early history of the name in America, there were eight different translations by Germans, who attempted to translate the name so as to conform to an English brogue that would sound similar to the true orthography and pronunciation of the English word. The attempt was a marvel in the eight different ways of spelling the name. The eight translations as found recorded in the war archives at Albany, the state capital of New York, prove this contention.

We list them as they were found and copied:

1. Kunderman
2. Kunterman
3. Cunderman
4. Conderman
5. Counterman
6. Contreman
7. Contryman
8. Countryman

Perhaps to more fully establish that the rendering of the name should be that of the eighth way given, we find that in the first census taken in the state of New York in A. D. 1790 there were no other names given beside the name "Countryman." It follows that it must have been the representative name of all those who were the direct descendents of ancestors who had severally assumed the names as given above. We however, find the name "Conderman" extant as the result of the choice of the early ancestors who were known as "Kuntermans" to change the orthography to "Condermans."

HISTORY AND GENEALOGY.

To gather the history and genealogy of a race after nearly two centuries has elapsed is found to be no easy task. Many of the early records are either lost or are in unknown hands. But patience and perseverence has its just reward and a diligent search has brought information from many sources. The early history is composed of tradition, oral history, and family records. The latter were all written in the German language, which should be a sufficient proof that the Countryman ancestry were of German descent.

The earliest ancestral name given is that of Conrad Countryman, who, to escape religious persecution, emigrated from Germany to France, continuing later to Holland and finally to the United States of America. This emigration to Holland has given rise to the false impression among some of the Countryman posterity that they were Hollanders. Conrad was accompanied to America by his brother, the two men landing in New York harbor during the decade of 1710-20 A. D. Here they separated. Conrad proceeded up the Hudson and Mohawk river valleys, while his brother is said to have gone into the state of Pennsylvania.

There is little known of the history of this brother. The names of few of his posterity who served as soldiers in the Revolutionary War are on record at the state capitol at Harrisburg. There is, also, the name of one soldier recorded in the capitol records of the state of Virginia. Likewise another small group of his posterity are in evidence in other states.

Conrad Countryman is said to have first settled in Schoharie county, New York. Later he moved into Montgomery county where many of his posterity are known to have resided during the Revolutionary War. Fort Willet was built on some of their land. It is further interesting to note that twenty-seven of his posterity enlisted as soldiers in the war. The date of Conrad's marriage and the maiden

name of his wife are unknown. The issue of their union we are told was ten children, seven sons and three daughters. Their children were: Adam, Marcus, Frederick, Conrad, Jr., John, Jacob, George, Ann Eve, who married William Dillenback; Rosana, who married John Pickard; and Mrs. John Plants, whose name is unknown. Of these children we are the most deeply interested in John, the fifth son, whose posterity constitute the larger portions of the membership of the Countryman Relative Reunion, either as direct descendants or through marriage relationships. John, having left his family records in the hands of his posterity who fortunately preserved them, we have access to an accurate history and genealogy.

We herewith insert a copy of his family record as translated and copied from the original records.

A transcript of the family record of John Countryman, the fifth son of Conrad, the first:

"To the glory of God, I, John Countryman, was born at Canajoharie in County of Montgomery and State of New York in the year of Jesus Christ the second day of March, A. D. 1736. And my wife, Rachel, nee Richard, was born at Stone Arabia in the same county and state, on the 29th day of October, A. D. 1733. And in the year of our Lord, A. D. 1758, on March the fourth, we entered into the state of Holy matrimony. And during married life we have given birth to the following children, to-wit:

1st, a daughter, Leah, on the 26th of December, A. D. 1758.

2nd, a daughter, Margaret, on the 20th day of February, A. D. 1760.

3rd, a daughter, Rachel, on the 10th day of August, A. D. 1761. Died July 1, 1767.

4th, a daughter, Dorothy, on the 1st day of August, A. D. 1762.

5th, a son, Nicholas, on the second day of February, A. D. 1764.

6th, a daughter, Catherine, on the 20th day of July, A. D. 1765.

7th, a daughter, Susan, on the 1st day of November, A. D. 1766.

8th, a son, John I., on the 12th day of February, A. D. 1768.

9th, a daughter, Magdalena, on the 18th day of August, A. D. 1769.

10th, a daughter, Mary, on the 15th day of September, A. D. 1771.

11th, a son, Abraham, on the 31st day of March, A. D. 1773.

12th, a son, Benjamine, on the 15th day of September, A. D. 1775.

In the year 1787, February 28th, my wife died."

Will.

The following is a copy of the will of John Countryman, fifth son of Conrad the first.

"In the name of God, Amen, and in the Year of Christ One Thousand seven hundred and eighty eight. That this is my last will and testament. My body I bequeath to the earth and to a soft rest therein. And my soul I entrust to God who gave it to me. Now I bequeath to my eldest son, Nicholas, as his prior claim, three pounds in money, and therewith he must be content with what I shall afterward bequeath him. I bequeath to my son, Nicholas, twenty-eight pounds in money, therewith he must be content. Further I bequeath to my son, John I., sixty-three acres of land which is located on the Geysenberg in a deed from Sir Wagner, number six, the western part, for his own forever. On the Geysenberg, further, I bequeath to my son, Abraham, sixty-three acres of land in number six, the eastern part, forever, on the Geysenberg. Further I bequeath to daughter Leah three pounds in money. Therewith she must be content. Besides, I bequeath to my daughter, Margaret, three pounds in money. Therewith she must be content. Besides I bequeath to my daughter, Catherine, seven pounds in money. Therewith she must be content. Besides I bequeath to my daughter, Lena, a cow and three pounds in money. Therewith she must be content. Besides I bequeath to my sons,

Nicholas, John I., and Abraham, all my remaining property. They pay and collect debts, and should either of my sons, John I., or Abraham, die without heirs, his part shall be willed to my other two sons. Done in the year of Christ one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, August 20th. Signed and sealed with my own hand at Canajoharie."

John Counterman.

Witnesses:
Thos. F. Chand
His
Peter Wemmer
hand

Three of the sons of John Countryman, fifth son of Conrad the first, died within a year in 1842-1843 A. D.

The following lines written by John Countryman, fifth son of Conrad the first, were found among the papers transmitted to his son, John I., and by him to his son, Daniel Countryman, and by him to James Alonzo, his son. They breathe a true Christian spirit and are a worthy ancestral bequest to his posterity.

O Lord once more let me enter the portal
Open for me the door of life by the sweet words.
Let me in through thy outer court.
Let me see eternal life.
Then shall I comprehend thy divine word and power.

I have dwelt here since but yesterday,
Little can I write (in verse) unless from above.
Thou dost direct my spirit.
Oft I wander over stony lands. Oft through deep valleys.
Oft over mountains. Oft through beautious regions.

When the lillies are open and the roses bloom,
One sees with surprise how they wither soon.
During my pilgrimage over hill and dale,
O God, oftime I am impelled to sing and dance for joy."

Copy of Land Grant.

George the Second, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith, etc. To all to whom these Presents shall come, greeting: Whereas our living subjects, Conradt Contreman, Hartman Windecker and Casper Leyp, all of the County of Albany, by their humble Petition presented to our trusty and beloved Rip Van Dam, Esq., President of our Council of our Province of New York and now Commander in Chief of our Said Province and, in council—the seventeenth day of September last, did humbly pray that our said Commander in Chief of our said Province would be favorable pleased to grant to them, their Heirs and Assigns, our letters patent for a certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in said County of Albany (containing two thousand acres of land) in such manner as is directed in our Royal Commission and instructions to our late Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province for the time being—which petition being then and there read and considered by our Council of our Province, they did afterwards—to-wit—on the twenty-first day of the same month of September humbly beseech our said Commander in Chief, to consent to the granting of the prayer of said Petition. In pursuance whereof, and in obedience to our Royal Instructions to our said late Governor—given at St. James the twentieth day of October in the year Seventeen Hundred and Twenty-seven A. D. and in the first year of our reign—our said Commander in Chief together with Archibald Kennedy, Esq., Rev. General of our said Province, and Cadwalader Calden, Esq., Surveyor General of the same Province—three of the Commissioners appointed by our said instructions for the setting out of all lands to be granted within our said Province—Have and do hereby set out for the said Conradt Contreman, Hartman Windecker and Caspar Leyp, a certain tract or parcel of woodland situate, lying and being in the County of Albany, about three miles from the south side of the Mohawk River; Beginning at a certain marked tree standing in the north corner of the lands formerly granted to Peter Wagoner, Conradt Wyser and Johannes Sawyer, and runs thence about

along their line north fifty-five degrees west, two hundred and thirty seven chains and one rod; thence north thirty-five degrees east one hundred and eighty-three chains; thence south nine degrees west one hundred and nine chains to the place where the same tract or parcel of woodland began, containing (2000) two thousand acres of land and the usual allowance of Highways. And in the getting out of said lands our said Commissioners have had regard to the profitable and unprofitable acres, and have taken care that the length of said tract does not extend along the banks of any river.

Conformable to our said instructions for that purpose as by certificate under their hands bearing date of the ninth day of this instant; to-wit: November and entered on record in our Secretary's office of our Province of New York as more fully and at large appears; with tract or parcel of land set out as aforesaid according to our said Royal Instructions, we, being willing to grant to the said Conradt Contreman, Hartman Windecker and Caspar Leyp, according to the prayer of their said Petition. Now, therefore, know ye that of our especial Grace, certain knowledge and information we have given, granted, ratified, and confirmed and by these Presents, do, for us our Heirs and Successors give, grant, ratify and confirm unto the said Conradt Contreman, Hartman Windecker, and Caspar Leyp, their Heirs and Assigns forever all the said tract or parcel of woodland above mentioned, so set out as aforesaid, and so lying and being, bounded and described as is above expressed, and containing in all (2000) two thousand acres of land besides the usual allowance for Highways, and also and singular the woods, and underwoods, trees, timbers, feedings, pastures, meadows, marshes, swamps, waterways, water courses, rivers, brooks, riverlets, runs, rocks, mountains, quarries, mines and minerals whatsoever—except Gold and Silver mines, which are now standing, growing, lying, being in or upon the above named parcel of land, or any part thereof, or within the bounds or limits of the same, and all profits, benefits, liberties, privileges, hereditaments, appurtenances whatsoever, to the same lands and premises and every or

any part thereof, and the reversion and reversions, remainders and remanders, yearly rents and profits, of the same land and premises and every part thereof; Except also and always reserved out of this our Present Grant, unto us our Heirs and successors forever all trees of the diameter of Twenty-four inches and upwards at ten inches from the ground for masts for our Royal Navy and also such other trees as may be fit to make planks, knees, and other things necessary for the use of our said Navy only; which now are standing, growing or being upon the above granted land or any part thereof, with free liberty and license for any person or persons whatsoever, under our own or their sign Manuel, with or without workmen, horses, wagons, carts, or other carriages, to enter and come into and upon the said lands and every and any part thereof, and thereto fall, cut down, root up, new square, saw and take and convey away the same, for the uses aforesaid. To have and to hold all and every the said tract or parcel of woodland, lands, tenements, heritaments, mines, minerals and premises, with their and every of their appurtenances by these presents, granted, ratified, and confirmed (or meant, mentioned or intended to be hereby granted, ratified, and confirmed except as is herein, before excepted) unto the said Conradt Contreman, Hartman Windecker and Caspar Leyp, their Heirs and Assigns forever to and for the several uses, intents and purposes hereinafter expressed, limited and declared, (that is to say) as for and concerning one-third part of all and every, the above granted land, tenements, hereditaments, mines, minerals, premises, and appurtenances (the whole unto three equal parts to be divided) (except as before excepted) unto the said Hartman Windecker, his heirs and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof of the said Windecker and to his heirs and assigns forever: And as for and concerning the other one-third part, being the remainder of all and every the above granted lands, tenements, hereditaments, mines, minerals, premises and appurtenances (the whole into three equal parts to be divided) except as before excepted, unto the said Caspar Leyp, his heirs and assigns forever.

All of the said tract or parcel of land to be holden of us, our heirs and successors in free and common soccage as of our Manor of East Greenwich in the County of Kent, England, within our Kingdom of Great Britain, yielding and paying therefor yearly and every year forever, unto us, our heirs and successors, at our Custom House in the city of New York, unto our, or their Collector or Receiver General, on the day, the time being on the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, commonly called "Lady Day," the yearly rent of two shillings and six pence for each hundred acres of the above granted lands, and so in proportion for any less quantity thereof (the land allowed for Highways excepted) in lieu and instead of all other rents, services, dues, duties and demands whatsoever, for the above granted lands, mines, minerals and premises or any part thereof.

Provided always and upon condition that if the said Conradt Contreman, Hartman Windecker and Caspar Leyp, their heirs or assigns, or some of them, shall not within three years next ensuing the date thereof, plant, settle and effectually cultivate, or at least three acres of every fifty of the above granted lands, which are capable of cultivation, or if our grantees (before named) their heirs or assigns or any other person or persons, by their or any of their privity, consent or procurement shall set fire to or burn the woods or the said lands, or any part thereof to bar the same (that is to say) to destroy, impair or hinder the growth of any of the trees there that are or may be fit for masts, planks, knees or other timber fit for the uses of our Royal Navy; That then and in either of these cases, this our present grant, and every clause, article and everything herein contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding; declaring nevertheless, that nothing in these presents, reserved or contained, shall or ought to be construed to extend, or to be intended to prohibit, or otherwise hinder our said grantees or any or either of them, their, or any, or either of their heirs or assigns from such burning of the woods, cutting down or falling of trees that are or may be growing, or being on the above granted lands or any thereof, or for their use or uses. And we hereby further declare that by

the burning of the woods, is only meant and intended that our said grantees, their heirs and assigns are to be restrained only from setting fire to and burning any timber or trees whilst they are standing and growing on the above granted lands, and premises, or any part thereof, which are exempted; And we do further declare that the reservations of all trees of the diameter of twenty-four inches and upwards at twelve inches from the ground for masts for our Royal Navy, and of such other trees as may be fit to make plank, knees, etc., for the use of our said Navy, is not, nor ought to be construed to hinder our said grantees or any or either of them or any or either of their heirs or assigns from clearing or effectually cultivating the above granted lands or any part thereof; And we do further of our own especial Grace, certain knowledge and mere notion consent and agree that this our present grant, being entered on Record as hereinafter expressed, shall be good and effectual in the Law to all intents, purposes, and instructions against us, our heirs and successors, notwithstanding any misreading, misbounding, misnaming, or any other imperfection, or omission of or in any wise concerning the above granted lands, or intended to be hereby granted lands, tenements, herediaments, mines, minerals and premises or any part thereof.

In testimony whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent and the Great Seal of our said Province of New York to be hereunto affixed and same to be entered on Record in our Secretary's Office for our Province of New York, in one of the books of Patents therein said Office of Said Secretary.

Witness our truly and well beloved Rip Van Dam, President of our Council for our Province of New York, and now Commander in Chief of the said Province at the City of New York, this the twelfth day of November, in the fourth year of our reign, Anno Domini, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-one.

Frederick Morris, Deputy Secretary.

"Memoranda"

In that place wherein the division of the lands granted are to be divided into three equal parts, the words "to the only proper use and betroof" should be used after each, where as it has been omitted after two of the Grantees.

Again in the recording of the aforesaid Patent of Conradt Countreman and others, the following mistakes and erasures were made, viz.: in page 53 in line 5, erasure made from the word "the" to the word "sitting." In the same page line the 20th, erasure made from the word "same" to the word "do" and the word "Tract" wrote therein, also after words erasure made from the word "given" to the word "Granted" and in the next line the word "our" written after the erasure. In the same page the last line, save one, the word "pastures" intended to come in after the word "feeding." And on page 54, line the (obscure) erasure made from the word "or" to the word "found" and the words "to be" written thereafter erasure. In the same page, line the 8th, erasure made from the word "reversions" to the word "remainder." In same page line the 19th the word "workman" wrote after erasure. In the same page, line the 21st erasure made from the word "fall" to the word "down" and the word "cull" wrote therein after erasure. In Page 55, line the 9th, the word "Leyp" wrote after erasure. In same page line the 18th the word "allowed" wrote after erasure. In same page, line 23 the word "or" wrote after erasure and in page 56 line the 21st, part of the word "imperfection" wrote after erasure.

Compared and examined.

Frederick Morris, Deputy Secretary.

I do hereby certify the preceding Patent to be a true copy of the original records (word obscure) on 36th line page 53 as being obliterated. Compared therewith by me.

Lewis Scott, Sec.

Descendants of Conrad, John, and John I. Countryman, Sr.

The following is the family record as given by the posterity of John I. Countryman, Sr., born Feb. 12, 1768, died March 6, 1843, wed July 19, 1791 to Elizabeth Hoke. She died in 1818. They were the parents of eleven children, vis., Isaac, Mary, Catherine, Rachel, Betsy, John I., Jr. David, Peter, Nancy, Daniel, and Moses.

Isaac Countryman, born June 15, 1792, wed June 25, 1812, to Delia Shenholds, born Oct. 4, 1792, died April 9, 1856. Isaac was a soldier in the War of 1812 and died April 16, 1875. Issue: Mary, Betsey, Frederick, John, Rebecca, Dolly, Catherine, Isaac Jr., Rachel, Oliver, James 1st, and James 2nd.

1. Mary Countryman, born Dec. 25, 1812, died JJan. 3, 1813.

2. Betsey Countryman, born April 18, 1814, wed Jacob Hollenbeck. Issue: Solomon, Franklin, Helen, Adelia, Isaac, Marquis, and Daniel.

Solomon Hollenbeck, soldier in the Civil War, born May 18, 1836, died Sept. 7, 1864; wed Charity Moyer, born August 18, 1857. Issue: one daughter, Rosellan, who wed Luther Degarmo, Aug. 17, 1858. Issue: Ander Degarmo.

Franklin Hollenbeck, born May 8, 1838, died Aug. 30, 1888; wed. Issue: two sons, Ira and Ford.

Helen Hollenbeck, born Feb. 24, 1839; died Jan. 26, 1896.

Adelia Hollenbeck, born Mar. 25, 1842; wed Alonzo Hardendorf, born Dec. 31, 1863. Issue: one daughter, Celistria. She died in 1890.

Isaac Hollenbeck, born Nov. 19, 1847; died May 1908; wed. Issue: four sons, Jacob, Marquis, Ira and Raymond.

Marquis Hollenbeck, born Oct. 3, 1851; died May 1908

Daniel Hollenbeck, born Jan. 25, 1855; wed. Issue: Millie, Ada, Aura, Fred and Frank.

3. Frederick Countryman, born June 4, 1816; died June 4, 1816.

4. John Countryman, born June 17, 1817; died May 26, 1877; wed March 26, 1837, to Elizabeth Backus, born

Oct. 4, 1880; died Sept. 21, 1908. Issue: Martha, Alvira, Almira, Alzoa, Louisa, James and Ida.

Martha Countryman, born Aug. 30, 1840; died Feb. 16, 1877; wed April 25, 1858 to Uriah Borst, born Nov. 11, 1835. Issue: Fenton Borst, born Jan. 22, 1865, wed Oct. 2, 1895, to Maud E. Shaver, born Jan. 15, 1878. Issue: Edith M., born Sept. 17, 1897, died Nov. 28, 1914; Edna, born April 5, 1899; and Louise, born July 13, 1909.

Alvira Countryman, born Jan. 1, 1843; died Dec. 29, 1845.

Almira Countryman, born July 30, 1845; wed Dec. 4, 1878 to Robert Evans, born Sept. 30, 1840, died Feb. 11, 1904

Alzoa Countryman, born Jan. 11, 1848; died July 1, 1913; wed June 30, 1867 to Louis H. Franklin, born Sept. 22, 1846, died Oct. 2, 1881. Issue: Addie, Dorsey, Anna L., Antha J., and Edgar.

Addie Franklin, born July 30, 1868.

Dorsey Franklin, born Sept. 13, 1869; wed Dec. 27, 1894, to Carrie Sager, born March 22, 1878. Issue: Louis Edgar, born Dec. 9, 1895.

Anna L. Franklin, born Jan. 28, 1873.

Antha J. Franklin, born July 19, 1875; wed Dec. 26, 1894 to Seymore J. Bellinger, born Feb. 23, 1870. Issue: Franklin, born Jan. 3, 1896, wed March 18, 1915 to Mabel Lasher; and James D., born Jan. 11, 1898.

Edgar Franklin, born July 24, 1877.

Louisa Countryman, born March 31, 1851; wed Dec. 16, 1874 to John Nichols, born Nov. 29, 1849.

James D. Countryman, born Nov. 18, 1854; wed Feb. 13, 1889 to Carrie Moodie, born Dec. 5, 1864.

Ida Countryman, born April 30, 1859; wed Dec. 18, 1878 to Nicholas Vanhorn, born April 14, 1854. Issue: Leda E., born Sept. 23, 1879; wed June 14, 1905 to Rev. Albert C. Horsman; and Victor C., born Feb. 11, 1883; wed July 27, 1907 to Gertrude Theall. Issue: Helen G., born Aug. 21, 1908, and Ida C., born Jan. 16, 1910.

5. Rebecca Countryman, daughter of Isaac Countryman and Delia Shenholds, born May 31, 1819; died Feb.

17, 1906; wed Dec. 22, 1836 to John Backus, born March 16, 1814; died August 10, 1889. Issue: William, Isaac, Mary, Ellen and Julia.

William Backus, born September 15, 1839; died June 26, 1909; wed to Ellen McAva.

Isaac Backus, born June 9, 1842; died May 8, 1862.

Mary E. Backus, born May 8, 1845; died September 28, 1853.

Ellen J. Backus, born December 7, 1848; died Nov. 22, 1881; wed May 8, 1866 to Arthus G. Miller. Issue: William B., born Dec. 30, 1867, wed August 27, 1897 to Mary E. Stanley. Issue: Edith M., born February 5, 1876, wed February 27, 1915 to Roy Stacks; and Ethel, born Dec. 29, 1905; died May 28, 1913.

Julia Backus, born December 22, 1854; wed December 12, 1882 to Arthur G. Miller (sister's husband.) Issue: Mabel E., born December 14, 1885; wed Aug. 31, 1904 to Fred Tetlock. Issue: Arthur F., born August 21, 1909; Mary J., born March 6, 1912, and Doris M., born March 23, 1914.

E. Grace Miller, born April 17, 1888; wed July 16, 1913 to Mark Remington.

Blanche E. Miller, born August 10, 1890; wed July 20, 1914 to Charles Mickel.

6. Dolly Countryman, born June 30, 1821; died in 1822.

7. Catherine Countryman, born June 16, 1823; died December 28, 1865; wed June 9, 1814 to Benjamin W. Austen. He died June 5, 1864. Issue: James Almond, Melville Dayton, Willard Trask, Medora Matilda and Ersa Zora.

James Almond Austen, born June 1, 1845.

Melville Dayton Austen, born Sept. 5, 1846; wed Libbie Wormoth. Issue: three children, only one living. Home is at Saltspringville, Otsega County, N. Y.

Willard Trask Austen, born June 3, 1848; wed 1872 to Rosanna Goodwell. Issue: Willie C., born March 19, 1873; George Russell, born Nov. 8, 1878; wed July 1896 to Rose Vorshaw. Issue: Edna. Second child's name unknown.

Medora Matilda Austen, born April 18, 1850; wed Andrew D. Fritz. He died March 6, 1891.

Ersa Zora Austen, born in 1852; wed David Green. Issue: Catherine Elizabeth, born Feb. 25, 1859; died Aug. 22, 1887; wed W. S. Dodge. Issue, three daughters: Edna, born Jan. 6, 1876; Bernice, born Jan. 1, 1878; died in 1887; and Maud, born Oct. 17, 1887.

8. Isaac Countryman, Jr., born Dec. 6, 1825; died Jan. 1, 1896; wed Hannah Cronkhite, born Sept. 20, 1825, died Dec. 2, 1876. Issue: James H., Alvira, Herman, Ellen, Fayette and Cora.

James H. Countryman, born May 30, 1848; died Jan. 29, 1881; wed Harriet Belgraves, born June 18, 1848. Issue: Nora, born June 8, 1872; wed to David Jones. Issue: Fannie C., born Nov. 3, 1890; wed Frederick Austen.

Alvira Countryman, born Sept. 8, 1875; wed Moses Jones. Issue: James W., born Aug. 1, 1899.

Herman Countryman, born Nov. 13, 1851; wed Mary Catherine Lyden, born March 3, 1860. Issue: Andrew, born Nov. 28, 1886; Alfred, born June 28, 1880; and Clara, born Sept. 30, 1889.

Ellen Countryman, born Sept. 20, 1857; wed Alfred Moyer, born May 22, 1857; died Oct. 27, 1904. Issue: Daniel, born Jan. 6, 1878; Grace Nellis, born Aug. 28, 1879; Howard, born March 12, 1886; and Mabel, born Feb. 28, 1892; wed Daniel Grace. Issue: Edna, born Dec. 12, 1904.

Fayette Countryman, born Nov. 10, 1861; wed Helen Dewire. Issue: one daughter, Jennie, born June 1, 1884.

Cora Countryman, born May 8, 1865; wed John S. Hennesey, born Nov. 21, 1860. Issue: Nellie M., born Jan. 27, 1885; Arthur J., born Aug. 7, 1887; C. Pearl, born June 30, 1891; and Millard, born Nov. 21, 1899.

9. Rachel Countryman, daughter of Isaac Countryman, Sr., born Oct. 25, 1827; died Oct. 28, 1827.

10. Oliver Countryman, born Aug. 10, 1828; died July 4, 1872; wed Nov. 18, 1852 to Margaret Moyer, born July 12, 1833; died April 27, 1892. Issue: Sarah E., born July 15, 1855; died Feb. 20, 1892; and Medora, born Dec. 18, 1861, and died March 16, 1868.

11. James Countryman 1st, born Oct. 19, 1831; died April 19, 1833.

12. James Countryman 2d, born Feb. 19, 1834; died Nov. 9, 1854; wed Charity Moyer, June 15, 1854.

Conrad 1st, John, John I. Countryman, Sr., Ancestors of Mary Countryman, Daughter of John I. Countryman, Sr.

Mary Countryman was born July 14, 1794 and died July 12, 1855. She was a bedridden invalid for 18 years. She was wed to John Moyer. The occupation of her posterity was that of farmers in Herkimer County, New York. Issue: John Jr., Betsey, Chauncey Spaulding, Caty Margaret, Nancy and Samantha.

1. John Moyer, Jr., born April 21, 1822; died March 22, 1861. Occupation, farmer in towns of Danube and Stark, Herkimer County, New York. Wed Mariah Dingman, born Oct. 15, 1822; died July 4, 1865. Issue: Marvin, born October 24, 1843; died Dec. 30, 1864.

Melvina, born March 26, 1864; died Feb. 2, 1866.

John Jr., born January 26, 1848; died October 4, 1871.

Mary E., born April 13, 1850; died February 6, 1895.

Viana, born May 26, 1853; died May 8, 1854.

Alonzo, born May 31, 1855; died August 15, 1872.

Ida May, born April 27, 1857; died April 5, 1890.

Elnora, born June 14, 1859.

Melvina Moyer wed Joseph H. Steadman, died without issue, after which Mary E. Moyer wed Joseph H. Steadman, leaving eight children at her death, Feb. 6, 1895. Issue: Carrie E., born Nov. 15, 1866; died February 25, 1890.

Ella M., born November 13, 1868.

Grace B., born February 22, 1871.

Lela E., born July 19, 1873; died Sept. 25, 1892.

Mary J., born April 27, 1876.

Ida E. and Edna M., twins, born January 17, 1883. Edna M. died October 4, 1886.

Alonzo W., born October 5, 1884.

Mary J. Steadman wed John B. Smith, born July 29, 1870. Issue: Clinton A., born June 23, 1899; and Percy J., born January 31, 1901.

Carrie E. Steadman wed Benjamin Bardon, born May 19, 1864. Issue: Freda, born September 14, 1888.

Ella M. Steadman wed Clinton W. Northup, born February 11, 1869.

Ida May Moyer wed Alonzo Walrath.

Elnora Moyer wed Allen Hoover Dingman. Issue: Charles Willard, born July 4, 1888; Ashton Lloyd, born October 5, 1891; died January 5, 1893; and Allen Ray, born June 7, 1894.

2. Betsey Moyer, born November 18, 1823; died June 20, 1900; wed December 25, 1842, to John A. Dingman, born August 21, 1816; died August 9, 1895. Issue: John L. Menzo and Alonzo.

John L. Dingman, born June 28, 1847; died June 7, 1883.

Menzo Dingman, born August 21, 1851; wed December 31, 1873 to Anna M. Farwell, born July 4, 1852.

Alonzo Dingman, born June 25, 1858; wed December 27, 1876 to Delphine Farwell, born June 15, 1858.

3. Chauncey Spaulding Moyer, born October 18, 1825; died April 5, 1916. Occupation, first a blacksmith, afterwards that of a farmer. Wed July 31, 1851 to Martha Cronkhite, born February 2, 1831. Issue: son, born September 2, 1857; died October 14, 1857; and Edwin, born September 7, 1858; wed September 11, 1878 to Minnie Moyer, born January 13, 1860. Issue of Edwin and Minnie Moyer: Grant E. Frillie, Jennie L. and Burton.

Grant E. Moyer born October 28, 1879; wed Alta Delamater. Issue: Catherine J., born October 7, 1910; Spaulding E., born March 13, 1912.

Frillie Moyer, born August 25, 1881, wed John Arthur Loucke.

Jennie L. Moyer, born August 7, 1883; wed Willard Walrath. Issue: Cecil H., born June 8, 1905; Ruth M., born June 9, 1908, and Richard M., born June 1, 1915; died April 6, 1917.

Burton Moyer, born March 15, 1891; wed Sarah Steele. Issue: Burton Jr., born March 20, 1912, and Sherwood S., born August 10, 1916.

4. Caty Margaret Moyer, born June 4, 1828; died August 12, 1909; wed October 22, 1846, to James H. Cronkhite, born February 11, 1823, died April 12, 1904. Issue: Moyer, Sarah E. and Elma.

Moyer Cronkhite, born September 20, 1848; wed October 19, 1870 to Hattie Miller.

Sarah E. Cronkhite, born May 17, 1853; died December 21, 1875; wed October 16, 1872 to Hamilton Baum.

Elma Cronkhite, born December 5, 1862; wed Fayette Sanders. Issue, one daughter: Lelah, born April 16, 1885; wed November 3, 1915 to W. Talmadge Pierce.

5. Nancy Moyer, born July 28, 1830; died April 1, 1901; wed May 15, 1847 to Isaac Schafer, born April 13, 1822. Issue: Squire Shafer, Harry, Caroline and Adaline.

Squire Shafer, born April 22, 1848; wed Olive Simouson, born January 4, 1848. Issue: Carrie, born February 14, 1867, wed Henry Moak, born October 10, 1864. Issue: Grace C., born December 31, 1888, died February 20, 1889; Harry S., born January 9, 1890; Pearl C., born June 15, 1895; Frank H. and Fred W., twins, born August 5, 1897.

Harry Shafer, born February 21, 1871; wed Ida May Flint, born November 30, 1869. Issue: Harold F., born December 2, 1899.

Caroline Shafer, born January 26, 1853; died July 4, 1862.

Adaline Shafer, born October 27, 1861; wed Frank Snyder, born August 30, 1859.

6. Samantha Moyer, born February 21, 1832; died October 21, 1881; wed Daniel Cronkhite, born January 15, 1829, died June 15, 1913. Issue: Sanford, Mary and Fayette.

Sanford Cronkhite, born October 29, 1854; wed September 11, 1878 to Ida Wagner, born January 17, 1857.

Mary Cronkhite, born September 10, 1858; died December 2, 1906; wed September 19, 1877 to Philo Walrath, born April 1, 1855, died November 12, 1893. Issue: Frank, born February 1879, wed Ada Dillenbeck. Issue: two sons, Raymond and Philo. Mrs. Frank Walrath died January 26, 1919.

Maude Walrath, daughter of Mary and Philo Walrath, born February 28, 1881.

Fayette Cronkhite, born November 12, 1861; wed Flora L. Jenkins, born July 9, 1869, died February 5, 1916. Issue: Wava J., born March 4, 1887, wed June 26, 1920 to Leroy J. Smith. Issue: Evelyn Ida, born October 4, 1921.

Record of Ancestry and Posterity of Elizabeth Countryman.

Ancestors, Conrad Countryman 1, John, John I. Sr., Elizabeth Countryman (Aunt Betsey) the daughter of John I. Countryman and Elizabeth Hoke, was born July 12, 1799, in Stark, Herkimer County, New York. Came to Illinois in 1866 and died March 6, 1893. Was buried in Lynnville cemetery. Wed John B. Shaul, born March 1798, and died November 13, 1856. Issue: Peter J., Sebastian, John, Nelson, Catherine, Lovina, Eliza, John O., Lany M., Almira, Dulanah, Dulina, Amos, Simon and Martha.

1. Peter J. Shaul, born May 23, 1815, in Herkimer County, New York. Came to Illinois in 1854. Went to South Dakota in 1881 and died February 3, 1897. Wed Margaret A. Crill on March 4, 1844. Issue: Julia Elizabeth Shaul, born September 28, 1846, died December 7, 1917. Wed, January 1, 1873 to August Peterson, born May 14, 1838. Issue: William Albert, born July 21, 1878; Olive May, born December 7, 1879, died October 13, 1905; Bertha M., born April 15, 1883, wed April 5, 1911 to George E. Welch. Issue: Bernice Welch, born May 12, 1913.

James Henry Shaul, born March 1, 1849; died April 19, 1917; wed April 30, 1879 to Mary Jane Malana, born July 12, 1856. Issue: Maude Elizabeth Shaul, born August 14, 1882; wed Albert O. Rowe, June 7, 1911. Issue: Albert O. Jr., born April 4, 1914; died April 4, 1914; Mabel Ransford Shaul, born August 29, 1885; and Claude J. Shaul, born June 9, 1890.

Alice V. Shaul, born June 5, 1851; wed June 4, 1876 to Patsey Malana, born October 31, 1853. Issue: Fred K., born June 25, 1877; wed January 4, 1898 to Mabel M. Ousler, born January 28, 1878. Issue: Guila P., born June 8, 1899, wed February 3, 1821 to Gerald Hines. Second marriage of Fred K. Malana on June 22, 1912 to Mamie W. LaPoint, born January 28, 1874, died February 12, 1923.

Edith E. Malana, born June 19, 1879; wed November 27, 1900 to Frank Drager, born June 22, 1877. Issue: Lloyd A., born September 2, 1901; Gladys I., born November 27, 1902; wed July 23, 1921 to Leonard Wills. Issue: Doris, born March 5, 1922.

Merle F. Drager, born March 19, 1904. Marjorie, born April 15, 1907. Dora M., born March 28, 1909; died October 4, 1910. Franklin J. Jr., born June 20, 1911, and Richard, born June 6, 1916. Marvin J. Malana, born November 6, 1881, wed August 1, 1906 to Mamie H. Speckeen, born February 18, 1886. Issue: Dorothy, born December 20, 1908.

Mamie E. Malana, born December 15, 1887; wed April 6, 1910 to Arthur L. Anderson, born June 13, 1886. Issue: Alice Caroline, born May 23, 1911, and Lorraine Marie, born December 11, 1920. Thomas A. Malana, born August 26, 1896, wed September 3, 1917 to Lydia M. Nelson. Issue: Margaret Ann, born April 2, 1920.

John Byron Shaul, youngest son of Peter J. Shaul and Margaret Crill Shaul, born April 1, 1861. Lived and died at St. Lawrence, Hand County, S. D.

2. Lovina Shaul, born April 21, 1823 in Herkimer County, N. Y., died in Kansas in 1904; wed January 2, 1845 to Oliver Furman, born October 26, 1811; died October 1, 1890. Issue: John L. Furman, born November 14, 1845.

Zerua Furman, born August 12, 1848; wed Frank Baum. Issue: Grace, Ernest, John and Paul.

Ella Furman, wed ..... Degraff. Issue: Claude, Oliver, Vina, George, Lester, Mabel and Anna.

Carrie Furman, born May 2, 1860; wed ..... Patterson.

Lester Furman, born October 3, 1850.

Frank Furman, born June 9, 1866; died November 28, 1896.

Jennie Furman, born September 19, 1862.

3. Eliza Shaul, born June 1, 1825; died June 27,

1899; wed January 15, 1851, to David H. Weeks, born March 29, 1821; died February 21, 1911. Issue: John H., Ida L., Alma C., Dayton N., Albert G., Henry D., and George A. George A. died August 21, 1877.

John H. Weeks, born July 6, 1852; wed February 9, 1881 to Emma Murphy.

Ida L. Weeks, born November 27, 1854; died May 22, 1915; wed January 27, 1887 to William Ritchie, born November 27, 1855, died February 8, 1904.

Alma C. Weeks, born May 15, 1856; wed October 22, 1873 to Horace Stocking. Issue: Dexter Stocking, born May 31, 1875, wed January 4, 1899 to Esther Holmes. Issue: Glenn H., born July 5, 1901; and Wilbur H., born June 12, 1910.

Elmer Stocking, born February 7, 1878; wed December 26, 1900 to Zillah Holmes. Issue: Elsworth W., born March 8, 1903; wed August 5, 1922 to Edna Reints; Howard H., born September 28, 1908, and Eleanor, born June 19, 1918.

Howard Stocking, son of Alma and Horace Stocking; born December 3, 1880, and George Stocking, born July 11, 1883, wed February 12, 1908 to Lucy L. Holmes. Mr. Horace Stocking died April, 1919.

Dayton N. Weeks, born May 6, 1858; wed October 6, 1886 to Carrie L. Danforth, born October 25, 1862, died March 18, 1921. Issue: Irene Weeks, born August 8, 1887, wed June 3, 1903 to David Nelson. Issue: Carrie Sophia, born June 29, 1909, died January 12, 1910; Dayton Earl, born December 11, 1910; Leonard Nelson, born February 7, 1913; Lloyd Nelson, born May 21, 1914; Edna Lucile D., born July 24, 1916, died May 19, 1917; and Kenneth David, born Dec. 1, 1922.

Charles David Weeks, born June 13, 1891; wed February 17, 1915 to Lydia Klages. Issue: Mildred Irene, born Dec. 7, 1916; Maurice Charles, born April 26, 1918, and Vernon Lazelle, born Sept. 14, 1920.

Hazel Weeks, born September 21, 1895; wed Verne

W. Cotton Sept. 19, 1917. Issue: Eilene Joyce, born Sept. 14, 1920.

Ida Louise Weeks, born September 30, 1897; wed Clarence W. Cotton, March 8, 1922.

Howard Dayton Weeks, born October 31, 1900; wed Sept. 28, 1921 to Sylvia A. Thomas. Issue: Marilyn Elaine, born Oct. 7, 1922.

The occupation of Dayton N. Weeks is that of a farmer. Hiss address is St. Lawrence, Hand County, So. Dakota

4. John O. Shaul, born February 8, 1827; died May 28, 1896; wed Hannah Springer, born July 11, 1833, died December 6, 1897. Issue: Mary Emma Shaul, born August 23, 1858; died September 5, 1916; wed Charles Atwood, who died May 30, 1913.

Philip Dater Shaul, born February 28, 1862; wed Margaret Shottenkirk, who died December 13, 1914. Philip Dater Shaul wed for his second wife, Mrs. Mary Collins Kellogg, February 15, 1917.

Lewis Fay Shaul, born January 3, 1865; wed Minnie Dillenbeck. Issue: Oliver J. Shaul, born May 22, 1886, wed Emma Cox. Issue: Fay Clayton, born November 8, 1911.

Nina, daughter of Minnie and Fay Shaul, born April 28, 1888, wed October 18, 1911 to Earl K. Vibbard. Issue: John Wesley, born November 16, 1913.

The second wife to Lewis Fay Shaul was Blanche Buckley.

Newton J. Shaul, born February 8, 1870; wed Lulu Rosekrans. Issue: one daughter, Margaret.

5. Lany M. Shaul, born December 26, 1828; died September 18, 1918; wed March 18, 1852 to Levi Wiles, born February 22, 1827, died December 22, 1905. Issue: Mary E. Wiles, born February 26, 1853, died April 5, 1923, wed April 6, 1870 to Charles E. Smith, born September 26, 1850, died October 7, 1873. Issue: Orrin, born October 7, 1873, and Daniel, born April 1, 1875.

Mary Wiles Smith married for her second husband, Charles A. Sherwood.

Byron Wiles, born May 21, 1859; wed Nettie Tunni-

cliff, born October 21, 1862. Issue: Jessie Wiles, born July 4, 1883, wed January 1, 1907 to Olen Smith.

Leslie Wiles, born March 26, 1890; died July 18, 1914; wed July 31, 1912 to Helen Beattie.

6. Almira Shaul, born February 19, 1831; died April 15, 1900; wed in 1850 to Daniel Young, born in 1826 and died in 1865.

7. Dulina Shaul, born December 25, 1835; died November 21, 1913; wed March 19, 1863 to Anson Mowers, born July 5, 1833, died September 4, 1916. Issue: William M. Mowers, born May 6, 1864, wed Lizzie Eychmer on November 15, 1886. Issue: Roy, born July 18, 1888; Maud, born December 16, 1890; Carl, born March 24, 1893, died September 25, 1912, and Lloyd Anson, born November 1904.

Libbie Mowers, born February 11, 1867; wed June 26, 1884, to William O'Reilly. Issue: Addie N., born December 11, 1891, and Libbie M., born March 31, 1898.

8. Amos Shaul, born January 4, 1838; died May 15, 1856, in Herkimer County, New York.

9. Simon J. Shaul, born January 19, 1840, in Herkimer County New York. Emigrated to Ogle County in March 1861. His occupation was that of a farmer. He died August 26, 1918.

The following named sons and daughters of John B. and Elizabeth Countryman Shaul died in infancy and youth, namely: Sebastian, John, Nelson, Catherine, Dulanah and Martha.

Descendants of Conrad Countryman, John,

John I., Sr., John I., Jr.

Family records of John I. Countryman, Jr., born August 8, 1801, died May 10, 1866, wed November 28, 1828 to Nancy Failing, daughter of John and Maria Timmerman Failing, born August 25, 1807, died December 12, 1878. Occupation of John I., Jr., farmer. Issue: eight sons, Levi, Norman, Harvey, Alvin, Nathan, William, John Ervin, and Isaac Byron, all born in Herkimer County, New York.

1. Levi, born August 30, 1829, died September 24, 1909, wed to Martha Countryman (daughter of George the third of Conrad Countryman the first) October 11, 1854. She died April 20, 1914. Occupation of Levi Countryman was that of a farmer. Issue, Alvin, Charles and Cora. Alvin wed Alice Hoke (daughter of Nicholas Hoke for his first wife); second wife, Florence Eaton Cook. Charles died in infancy and Cora when about ten years of age. Alvin died March 10, 1922.

2. Norman Countryman born March 30, 1831, died February 24, 1911, wed December 21, 1854 to Elizabeth Wagner, born September 15, 1832; died August 19, 1924. Occupation of Norman was that of a farmer. Came from Herkimer County, New York, to Ogle County, Illinois, in 1861. Issue: Fayette N., Lincoln A., Luetta Maude.

Fayette N. Countryman born November 20, 1859 in Herkimer County, New York, wed December 27, 1892 to Elizabeth Anna Stratford, born March 18, 1864, died April 10, 1896; second marriage, September 12, 1899 to Harriet Louise Lewis, born February 24, 1872. Issue: a daughter born December 16, 1900, lived an hour; Leah Fayette, born July 21, 1902. Wed Nov. 7, 1923 to Rev. Allen Billman. Maud Louise born April 2, 1904, died May 14, 1911; Harriet Elizabeth, born October 22, 1905; James Lewis born April 14, 1907; Fayette Norman, Jr., born June 30, 1910.

Lincoln A. Countryman, born April 12, 1864, wed February 7, 1894 to Kate Lyon, born August 27, 1871. Issue, Ruth Ara, born February 24, 1895, wed December 24, 1919

to J. Brooks Parker. Issue, John Brooks Parker, born November 18, 1922; William Norman Countryman, born December 28, 1897; Leon Alva, born October 29, 1899, wed June 28, 1924 to Lola M. Parker.

Luetta M. Countryman, born September 25, 1870, wed June 7, 1899 to Thomas E. Fouser, born March 25, 1867. Issue, George C., born April 6, 1902.

3. Harvey Countryman, born February 7, 1833, came to Lynnville Township, Ogle County in 1857, died May 16, 1914, wed February 13, 1861, to Laura Wagner, born May 24, 1841, died April 16, 1914. Occupation of Harvey was that of a farmer and dealer in farm implements. Issue, Willie, Ida May, Mamie L., and Grace Maud.

Willie Countryman born September 16, 1862, died April 19, 1863.

Ida May Countryman, born August 15, 1865, wed December 2, 1891 to Fred W. Craft, born October 3, 1866. Issue, John C., born July 5, 1895.

Mamie L. Countryman, born April 2, 1867, died June 22, 1867.

Grace Maud Countryman, born November 8, 1870, wed December 29, 1891 to Arthur A. Phelps, born June 19, 1867. Issue, Harvey John Phelps, born November 23, 1892, Wed June 1, 1914 to Nora Mary Martin, born March 16, 1891 Issue, Frances Laura, born January 21, 1917, and Harvey John, Jr., born July 11, 1919.

Raymond A. Phelps, youngest son of Grace Maud Countryman and Arthur A. Phelps was born January 26, 1899, wed June 19, 1924 to Mary Stewart, born April 22, 1900.

4. Alvin Countryman, born in Herkimer County, New York, February 4, 1835, died January 13, 1916. Came to Ogle County, Illinois, June 12, 1855, wed February 11, 1863 to Jennie E. Wagner, born June 18, 1843. Occupation that of a farmer. Issue, Minnie Louise, born October 17, 1864; Emma Viola, born July 8, 1869; Mertie Estella, born March 31, 1871, died March 29, 1873; Merton Alvin, born July 27, 1875.

Minnie Louise Countryman wed to Aaron W. Guest, November 19, 1885, died May 29, 1889. Issue, Arthur T., born April 20, 1889, wed May 20, 1922 to Margery S. Kimball, born November 1, 1895.

Merton Alvin, wed June 16, 1904 to Katherine Mary Stephens, born January 26, 1885. Issue, Mary Catherine, born July 15, 1905; Alvin Merton, born April 22, 1911; Marjorie Lucile, born September 13, 1913; Carolyn Marie, born August 6, 1919.

5. Nathan Countryman, born November 8, 1837, came to Ogle County Illinois in 1866, died January 12, 1879, wed December 28, 1859 to Mary Reasoner, born October 2, 1836, died February 24, 1912. Issue, Jacob Irving, Lillian Maud and Anna Louise. Occupation that of a farmer.

Jacob Irving Countryman born in Herkimer County, New York, August 31, 1862, wed January 14, 1886 to Emma Ida Kendell, who died June 29, 1892. Issue: Edna May, born August 1888, wed Stanley Crouse, Nov. 16, 1914. Issue, Carolyn Emma, born February 2, 1917. and Stanley Jr., born July 11, 1919. Second marriage of Jacob I. was to Bertha A. White, March 19, 1902.

Lillian Maud Countryman, born December 2, 1867, died July 5, 1910, wed January 6, 1886 to Clarence Slafter, born October 24, 1859. Issue, Herbert Edmund, born October 31, 1889, died January 23, 1890; Edmund Farwell Slafter, born August 13, 1893, wed October 29, 1919 to Emily Bingham. born June 8, 1893. Issue, Clarence Edwin, born September 15, 1920; Lillian Mary, born June 26, 1922; Robert Farwell, born March 1924; Carlos Calvin Slafter, born August 27, 1895, wed July 11, 1922 to Geneva Button; Mae Louise Slafter, born October 30, 1897, wed March 14, 1917 to Samuel P. Rolofson, born June 8, 1895. Issue, Mildren Lorena, born February 14, 1918; Gayle Leonard, born February 16, 1921, and Warren Elbert, born October 24, 1922; Dorothy Louise, born Jan. 25, 1924.

Alice Mildred Slafter, born November 16, 1899, wed October 1, 1922 to Wayne Rolofson, born June 11, 1897. Issue, Wayne Edward, born August 8, 1923.

Isaac Byron Slafter, born September 13, 1905.

Anna Louise Countryman, born October 19, 1872, wed December 25, 1892 to Charles F. Collins, born May 11, 1870.

6. William Countryman, born March 31, 1840, died December 18, 1907, wed January 1, 1862 to Hannah Moyer, born October 4, 1842, died February 11, 1922. His occupation was that of a farmer. Issue, Daniel, Ella, Emery D., and Mary.

Daniel Countryman, born June 4, 1865, wed October 24, 1894 to Nora Smith, born October 16, 1876.

Ella Countryman, born August 29, 1868, died May 7, 1908, wed January 8, 1886 to Burton P. Smith, born June 22, 1868. Issue, Eugene B., born June 16, 1888, wed June 25, 1911 to Ella Bowman. Issue, Lyman Burton. born November 20, 1912; Ella, born December 4, 1914, and Jean Elizabeth, born March 25, 1919.

Ray E. Smith, youngest son of Burton and Ella Smith, born September 8, 1889, wed September 9, 1919 to Florence Pearl Spoor. Issue, Gordon Stanley, born April 22, 1922.

Emery D. Countryman. born April 5, 1871, wed June 5, 1902 to Rebecca Schmucker, born March 18, 1876. Issue, Elizabeth, born July 11, 1903; Isaac Byron, born March 21, 1905.

Mary Countryman, youngest daughter of William and Hannah Countryman. a school teacher, born February 27, 1877.

7. John Ervin Countryman, born December 17, 1844, in Herkimer County, New York. Came to Ogle County, Illinois, August 8, 1867, wed January 11, 1865, to Rose L. Wagner, born June 30, 1845, died December 16, 1916. His occupation was that of a farmer. Issue, Leah Viola, Elmer J., Alice Maud and Mabel Rose.

Leah Viola Countryman, born May 21, 1867, in the town of Danube, Herkimer County, New York, wed May 14, 1890 to Edward J. Austen, born April 19, 1868. Issue, one daughter. Mabel Rose, born Sept. 17, 1894, wed June 30, 1915 to Paul H. Schantz, born June 2, 1893.

Elmer J. Countryman. born September 17, 1870. died January 13, 1921, wed June 28, 1893, to Alice Maud Sheaff, born November 2, 1871. Issue, Irving Byron, born May 4, 1894, wed June 22, 1917 to Avis Frances Thomson. Issue, Donald Allen, born May 10, 1918; Susan Alice, born June 1, 1924; Willard Sheaff Countryman, born January 4, 1901, wed January 15, 1920 to Blanche Chapman. Issue, Alice Virginia, born March 26, 1921; Janet, born April 19, 1923; Alice Eudora Countryman, only daughter of Elmer J. and Alice Sheaff Countryman, born December 5, 1907.

Alice Maud Countryman, born June 24, 1872, wed July 17, 1895 to George Arthur Lazier, born August 27, 1871. Issue, Wilbur E., born March 28, 1900, wed September 2, 1922 to Esther Leming; Harold A. Lazier, born September 21, 1901, and Alice Rose, born February 18, 1911.

Mabel Rose Countryman, born February 9, 1882, wed October 10, 1906 to Edgar R. Alcock, born September 16, 1884. Issue, Marion J., born February 27, 1909; Raymond E., born March 27, 1912, and Robert H., born July 21, 1920. Second marriage of John Ervin Countryman, April 17, 1919 at Cleveland, Ohio, to Mrs. Mary C. Wagoner, born March 1, 1849.

8. Isaac Byron Countryman, youngest son of John I., Jr. and Nancy Failing Countryman, was born November 2, 1846, died August 25, 1923. Came from Herkimer County, New York, in 1866, wed Mrs. Elizabeth Becker. Home in Dixon, Illinois. Breeder of fine Holstein cattle, a real estate holder, and retired merchant. Mrs. Countryman died September 30, 1922.

Descendants of Conrad I., John, John I. Countryman, Senior

David Countryman, born October 4, 1803, died October 19, 1881, wed March 15, 1825 to Anna Maria Ostrander, born March 27, 1808. He was born in Herkimer County, New York, came to Illinois in 1866 and was buried in Lynnville, Illinois, cemetery. Issue, Harriet, Webster, Milton, Mary Elizabeth, Caroline, Henrietta, Margaret, Frances, Birney, Alice, Matilda and Charles.

1. Harriet Countryman, born February 16, 1826, died January 8, 1915, wed March 18, 1846 to Rufus Ecker, born December 4, 1820, died July 26, 1914.

2. Webster A. Countryman, born April 28, 1828, died May 28, 1872, wed Eliza DeGroff.

3. Milton Countryman, born November 28, 1830, died January 21, 1890, wed August 24, 1854 to Eliza Maria Overacker, who died April 20, 1876. Issue, Viola O. Countryman, born June 19, 1856, wed June 19, 1878, to Myron Vanhorne. Issue, Cora, born May 21, 1880, died May 31, 1880; Dudley M., born November 19, 1886.

Herbert M. Countryman, born March 27, 1867, died May 16, 1910, wed Dot Adams, May 25, 1897.

Milton Countryman, wed for his second wife, Mary L. Vanhorne, August 22, 1877. She died November 7, 1881.

4. Mary Elizabeth Countryman, born February 20, 1833, died August 5, 1891, wed March 1854 to Chauncey W. Gibson, born February 17, 1833, died January 19, 1891. Issue, eight children, three dying in early life of which we have no record.

Annie Grace Gibson, born January 22, 1859, wed in 1883 to E. B. Johnson, born June 30, 1847. Issue, Glenn C., born 1884; Chauncey E., born in 1890; Ralph L., born in 1895; Earl E., born in 1901. Glenn C. Johnson wed in 1906 to Julia King. Issue, Charles E., born in 1907; Bert A., born in 1912. Chauncey E. Johnson wed in 1911 to Mearle McColly. Issue, Hazel Bernice, born 1913.

Alice Edith Gibson, born March 6, 1861, wed November 17, 1881 to John Mutton, born December 23, 1849, died August 7, 1901. Issue, Leonard A. Mutton, born March 24, 1883, died March 9, 1916, wed June 21, 1906 to Ellen Furland, born December 12, 1883. Issue, Ralph Vincent, born June 19, 1910.

Dean J. Mutton, born August 16, 1885, wed October 22, 1910, to Belle Aska. Issue, Laverne Dean, born June 9, 1915.

Zelma F. Mutton, born February 19, 1890, wed to

Varner Fruit, December 12, 1911. Issue, Russell Leroy, born December 6, 1912, and Helen Alice, born July 18, 1916.

Irma E. Mutton, born October 9, 1901.

Alice Edith Mutton wed for her second husband Geo. E. Robinson.

Lulu Gibson, deceased; Mrs. Hattie Gibson Brombridge, deceased. and Lawrence Gibson, youngest son of Chauncey and Mary E. Gibson, born June 9, 1874.

5. Caroline Countryman, born May 19, 1836, died July 23, 1922, wed three times, viz.: David Young, John W. Mason and Dudley Day.

6. Henrietta Countryman, born 1838, died 1888, wed to John Land. Issue, two sons, Webster and John. Second marriage to Mr. Whittaker. Issue. three daughters, Minnie, Nettie and Pansy.

7. Margaret Elizabeth Countryman, born July 31, 1840, died January 29, 1873, wed August 2, 1865 to Henry Warner Kellogg, who died November 20, 1908. Issue, Jessie Florence Kellogg, born July 29, 1866, wed October 3, 1894 to William B. Thomas, born May 15, 1858. Issue. Florence B., born July 21, 1901; William B., born July 6, 1903.

Hiram Kellogg, born January 19, 1871, wed October 23, 1901 to Jeanette M. Hood, who died April 23, 1911. Issue, Easter Lily, born April 12, 1903; John Henry, born February 24, 1904; Enzor Hood. born March 21, 1906, and Alice Jeanette, born April 23, 1911.

8. Frances Countryman, born July 22, 1843, wed to Adrie Clark. Issue, Frank W. Clark, born August 3, 1866, died November 13, 1908.

George H. Clark, born August 16, 1868, wed Emma L. Kirch.

Florence M. Clark, born January 18, 1871, wed September 18, 1905 to Jay Ferguson, born June 1, 1868. Issue, Virginia C., born December 9, 1907; Frances L., born February 17, 1909, and Richard J., born September 20, 1912.

Carolyn L. Clark, born July 16, 1873, died January 21, 1896, wed June 12, 1895 to Percival Hall.

Grace A. Clark, born February 29, 1876, wed to H. J. Williams.

Charles A. Clark, born February 20, 1879.

Frances Countryman Clark wed for her second husband George Owens.

6. Alice Countryman, born in 1845, died September 8, 1884, wed in May 1869 to Fred Elston, who died June 1, 1887. Issue, Dora Elston, born July 4, 1870, wed August 12, 1888 to George Pierce, who died October 23, 1913. Issue, Rena Pierce, born March 15, 1890; Electa Pierce, born April 14, 1892, wed Nathan Smolens, August 28, 1913; Alice Pierce, born October 28, 1897; Fred, born March 31, 1900; Victor, born April 3, 1903, and Doris, born September 25, 1908.

Charles Elston, born June 15, 1872.

Daisy Elston, born December 17, 1873, wed Charles Overacker, February 22, 1897. Issue, Baily B., born December 1, 1897; Adelaide, born February 18, 1898; Mildred, born March 27, 1903; and Margaret, born November 21, 1905.

Fred Elston, born August 31, 1883, wed to Bertha Kleber, December 29, 1912. Issue, Florence Virginia, born October 1, 1913.

10. Birney Countryman, born in 1847, died November 10, 1857, and is buried in Stark, Herkimer County, New York.

11. Alida M. Countryman, born March 3, 1848, wed to Isaac Bibbins. She married for her second husband, Fred O. Griswold.

12. Charles Countryman, the youngest child of David and Anna M. Countryman, was born March 3, 1852 and wed November 24, 1885 to Eliza J. Phelps, born April 6, 1860. His occupation was that of a postal clerk in Chicago, and he is now living in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Descendants of Conrad I., John, John I. Countryman, Sr.

Peter Countryman. the fourth son of John I. Countryman, Sr., was born June 2, 1808, died April 7, 1892, wed January 22, 1824 to Hannah Ellison, born August 1, 1809, died March 27, 1856. Issue, Alida, George Liberty, Lucy De Ette, John Henry, Daniel, Lucy De Ette 2nd, Julia Gertrude, Delia Anzolette, Olive Delia, and Frank William. Peter Countryman was elected the first Republican sheriff of Herkimer County, New York. Later in life he became a Prohibitionist and remained so until the time of his death. His occupation was that of a tanner and farmer.

1. Alida Countryman, born November 2, 1829, died August 18, 1916, wed December 16, 1851 to Stephen E. Richerdson, born June 16, 1829, died July 24, 1862, a prisoner of the Civil War. Issue, Cliff Warren, Ina E., and Peter Stephen.

Cliff Warren Richerdson, born Jan. 6, 1853, died March 12, 1912, wed March 19, 1874 to Mate Inez Thayer, born February 19, 1853. Issue, Ella Zeo, born November 25, 1854, wed March 23, 1872 to Joseph Smith, born October 17, 1849. Issue, Arthur Harry, born Dec. 28, 1905. Freda Renart Smith died and Harry A. Smith remarried.

Ina E. Richardson, born Sept. 19, 1857, wed Oct. 13, 1880 to Frank A. Thompson, born Feb. 19, 1857, died April 22, 1899. Issue, Edith A., born June 7, 1886, wed James A. Randall, U. S. Navy.

Peter Stephen Richerdson, born June 19, 1859, wed October 8, 1880 to Ada Folts, born August 26, 1860. Issue, Glenn E., born June 22, 1884.

2. George Liberty Countryman, born Oct. 14, 1831, died Feb. 19, 1836.

3. Lucy De Ette Countryman, born July 31, 1833, died April 7, 1837.

4. John Henry Countryman, born August 25, 1835, died April 13, 1918, wed May 1857 to Elvira Gorton, born Jan. 31, 1832, died Feb. 2, 1868. Issue, five daughters. Fanny Elvira, Mary Luella, Nettie Hannah, Grace and Harriet.

Fanny Elvira Countryman, born Nov. 22, 1858, wed Dec. 8, 1886 to Frank Slagle, born Oct. 3, 1855. Issue, Helen, born July 1, 1888, wed Oct. 1, 1913 to Luther G. McConnell. Issue, Graham S., born Feb. 14, 1915; Mary, born April 14, 1917, and Helen, born Nov. 10, 1919.

Virginia Slagle, born July 25, 1890, wed Nov. 25, 1919 to William Thomas Ham.

Christian Seward Slagle, born April 25, 1896, wed July 12, 1917 to Agnes Vernon. Issue, Alice Kathleen, born Feb. 17, 1919; Seward Vernon, born Aug. 18, 1922.

Mary Luella Countryman, born Nov. 15, 1860. residing at Forreston, Illinois.

Nettie Hannah Countryman, born Jan. 6, 1862, wed Oct. 27, 1886 to Edgar Harvey Stillman, born Sept. 26, 1855, died Nov. 15, 1916. Issue, Elvira, born Feb. 13, 1883, wed June 2, 1914, to Ralph Webster Read. Issue, Elizabeth Frances, born April 23, 1917.

Frances Elizabeth Stillman, youngest daughter of Nettie H. and Edgar H. Stillman, born April 5, 1889.

Grace Countryman, born March 26, 1864, wed Nov. 12, 1890 to Frank Steber, born June 25, 1859. Issue, Frank Jarvis, Jr., born March 11, 1895.

Harriet Countryman, born Dec. 16, 1866, died August 16, 1867.

John Henry Countryman's second marriage celebrated March 18, 1869 to Eliza Berner, born March 3, 1841, died April 3, 1924. Issue by this marriage, five daughters and two sons, viz.: Maud Eva, Ada Florence, Jessie May, Peter Greeley, William Henry, Avis and Louise.

Maud Eva Countryman, born Nov. 15, 1869, died April 20, 1871.

Ada Florence Countryman, born Nov. 7, 1871, wed Feb. 12, 1896 to Robert Henry Petrie, born June 20, 1866. Issue, Elbert John, born Nov. 13, 1904.

Jessie May Countryman, born Oct. 22, 1873, wed June 6, 1894 to Charles Leroy Palmer, born March 16, 1868. Issue, Grace Marion, born Feb. 14, 1899.

Peter Greeley Countryman, born April 1, 1875, died Aug. 11, 1903, wed June 24, 1903 to Margaret Murphy.

William Henry Countryman, born Nov. 26, 1877, wed Jan. 8, 1913 to Maud Celia Dicker.

Avis Countryman, born March 18, 1880.

Louise Sophia Countryman, born Dec. 20, 1881, wed Oct. 4, 1905 to William F. Harter. Issue, John C., born July 6, 1908, died Oct. 13, 1918.

5. Daniel Countryman, born Dec. 24, 1836, died August 30, 1907.

6. Lucy De Ette Countryman, born March 13, 1840, died Nov. 3, 1904, wed Sept. 6, 1859 to Harvey M. Crego, born March 2, 1839, died Sept. 11, 1917. Issue, William Henry, Lizzie I., Charles W., and Harry Stedman.

William Henry Crego, born Jan. 13, 1858, wed Dec. 5, 1877 to Minnie Harter, born Oct. 2, 1858.

Lizzie I. Crego, born Sept. 26, 1860, wed June 4, 1885 to Thomas F. Budlong, born July 16, 1854. Issue, Lucy R., born March 11, 1888, wed June 5, 1913 to James Edward Pinkney.

Charles W. Crego, born Feb. 14, 1863, wed June 7, 1893 to Katherine E. Leahman, born Dec. 30, 1870. Issue, Katherine Isodene, born Jan. 11, 1895.

Harry Stedman Crego, born May 17, 1877, died January 17, 1905.

7. Julia Gertrude Countryman, born July 29, 1842, wed Sept. 15, 1861 to Charles Mortimer Bradt, born June 9, 1838, died Dec. 4, 1921. Issue, Frank Charles Bradt, born April 12, 1863, died Sept. 10, 1891.

Lincoln Ellison Bradt, born April 9, 1865, wed September 1890 to May Butterfield, born May 3, 1868, died August 20, 1910. Issue, Maurice Lincoln Bradt, born Jan. 3, 1892, married Jan. 28, 1919 to Marie Martini. Issue, Lorraine May Bradt, born May 11, 1921.

Lorraine Bradt, daughter of Lincoln E. and May Butterfield Bradt, born August 4, 1896, wed Robert Judson. Issue, Lorraine May Judson, born Dec. 24, 1921.

Peter Edward Bradt, youngest son of Julia Gertrude

and Charles M. Bradt, born Nov. 1, 1867, wed Sept. 4, 1889 to Edith Elizabeth Van Riper, born July 23, 1867, died July 25, 1918. Issue, Lawrence Van Riper Bradt, born Nov. 11, 1895, wed Sept. 26, 1921 to Esther Krause, born Sept. 1, 1899. Issue, Edith Jane Bradt, born April 6, 1923.

Peter Edward Bradt, Jr., born June 4, 1907 and Virginia Rosemary Bradt, born August 6, 1909.

8. Delia Anzolette Countryman, born Nov. 1, 1844, died Nov. 22, 1847.

9. Olive Delia Countryman, born June 1, 1847, died Oct. 7, 1919, wed April 16, 1870 to Omar R. Brayton, born July 22, 1849. Issue, Belle, Jesse Merrill, Frank Howard, Thomas Johnson, Glenn Warren, Harvey Crego, Lee Omar, Lizzie Marion and Edith H.

Minnie Belle Brayton, born March 3, 1871, wed June 11, 1890 to Allen E. Brundage, born Jan. 12, 1868. Her husband died August 29, 1907 and she married Charles Snell, July 29, 1912. Mr. Snell died July 12, 1919.

Jesse Merrill Brayton, born March 9, 1873, wed June 18, 1902 to Susan E. Griffin. Issue, Jessie M. Jr., born August 18, 1911.

Frank Howard Brayton, born August 17, 1874, wed March 5, 1905, to Florence T. Lindsay. Issue, Florence Caroline, born Sept. 6, 1909, died Nov. 20, 1913; Teressa Delia, born March 12, 1915, and Lindsay Frank, born August 20, 1917.

Thomas Johnson Brayton, born Jan. 17, 1877, wed Feb. 1, 1905 to Ernestine Hoxie. She died Nov. 22, 1908. Issue, Gladys, born Nov. 2, 1906, and Omar, born August 30, 1908.

Glenn Warren Brayton, born Oct. 19, 1878.

Harvey Crego Brayton, born Oct. 14, 1883, wed Dec. 30, 1908 to Amelia Elizabeth Hoffman.

Lee Omar Brayton, born Sept. 13, 1885, wed Dec. 23, 1916 to Edna F. Schaefer. Issue, Lee Omar Jr., born February 14, 1918; Edna Augusta, born July 18, 1920.

Lizzie Merriam Brayton, born Nov. 21, 1886.

Edith H. Brayton, born July 5, 1888, wed Oct. 14,

1914 to Waldo Griffeltes. Issue, Edith H., born Nov. 13, 1918, and Dorothy Marion, born August 21, 1920.

10. Frank William Countryman, born March 24, 1850, died July 7, 1918, wed Oct. 3, 1877 to Mary Kennelly, born Nov. 20, 1857.

Peter Countryman's second marriage occurred in Sept. 1856 to Eliza Ellison. She died April 7, 1892.

Descendants of Conrad Countryman, John, and John I., Senior.

Nancy Countryman, the ninth child of John I. Countryman, Senior, born July 1809, died October 21, 1872, wed in 1832 to David Petten, born August 9, 1810. He was the son of John Petten and Barbary Oaks Petten, who was the daughter of George Oaks and Susan Rappold Oaks. The Oaks-Rappold wedding occurred in Rotterdam, Holland. Oaks was a Prussian soldier.

The name Petten was changed to Patten in 1857, both of David's brothers, Abraham and John, making the change at the same time. David Patten died November 14, 1859. David and Nancy Patten were the parents of eight children, all born in town of Stark, Herkimer County, New York. Came to Illinois in 1850 via lakes. Settled first in Boone County, later in DeKalb County. The children were Matilda L. Oscar D. Sylvester W., John H., Caroline F., Julia E., Byron A., and Milton D.

1. Matilda L. Patton, born July 9, 1833, died April 12, 1919, wed February 14, 1856 to Henry Miller, born Mar. 9, 1830, died January 25, 1919. Issue, Julia Miller, born January 31, 1858, wed September 26, 1876 to Peter Hyser, born June 6, 1852. Issue, one daughter, Maude, born June 23, 1884, wed September 22, 1904 to Bert Gunn, born November 2, 1879. Issue, Laura Fern, born March 20, 1906, died August 20, 1907.

Ruth Viola, born March 2, 1908, died July 20, 1910. Millard Earl, born March 6, 1911.

Marvin Russell, born March 13, 1914. Howard Peter, born January 29, 1916, and Gladys Marie, born Feb. 22, 1919

Holt D. Miller, born February 2, 1863, wed December 19, 1883 to Edna J. Taylor. She died July 10, 1919. Issue, Cecil Miller, born June 17, 1889, died January 3, 1918, wed Harry Zuttlemoyer. Issue, Ruth, born April 26, 1914, and Laila May, born May 28, 1915. Gladys Miller, born January 20, 1897, wed September 1, 1922 to Walter W. Ralph.

Florence Miller, born May 8, 1900, wed June 21, 1922 to Clyde Cook.

Second marriage of Holt D. Miller, October 2, 1921 to Mrs. Jessie Laidlaw.

Lillie May Miller, youngest daughter of Matilda and Henry Miller, born December 15, 1866, wed February 19, 1890 to Charles H. Davis, born September 3, 1863. Issue, Jessie May Davis, born December 15, 1891, wed October 1, 1914 to William Adee Bell. Issue, Beryl Jane, born July 10, 1917, and Roberta Miriam, born June 6, 1922. Mildred Davis, born March 31, 1895, wed December 27, 1919 to Floyd Welty. Marion Davis, born October 11, 1899, wed Sept. 4, 1923 to George W. Collier, and Charles, Jr., born October 3, 1907.

2. Oscar D. Patten, born February 4, 1835, died November 9, 1864, wed December 24, 1859 to Lydia A. Fancher died in California in April, 1896. Issue, one son, Mark D., born in South Grove, Illinois, wed in California to Lottie Simmard. Issue, one son, Oscar Patten, of California.

3. Sylvester W. Patten, born September 4, 1837, died March 20, 1910, wed May 1, 1860 to Elizabeth C. Coffin, born June 10, 1839, died November 22, 1913. Issue, Mary Leone Patten, born July 26, 1864, wed March 11 1903 to Madison D. Shipman, born June 11, 1848, died July 4, 1915

Emma Louise Patten, born November 6, 1865, wed January 9, 1889 to Frank G. Greeley, born October 13, 1864, died February 1, 1917.

Frank Coffin Patten, born October 10, 1867, wed August 20, 1891 to Carrie M. Crane. Issue, Byron Crane Patten, born June 14, 1892, wed August 4, 1917 to Lyndeth

Shaffer. Issue: Anita, born August 20, 1917, and Helen born May 22, 1921. Barbara Annette Patten, born September 1, 1893, wed September 1, 1916 to Orville Shipman.

Everett Frank Patten, born July 7, 1895, wed July 15, 1823 to Fern Foxon.

Ralph Sylvester Patten, born January 2, 1898, wed August 4, 1922 to Beth McIntyre.

Edith Patten, daughter of Sylvester and Elizabeth Patten, born December 31, 1869, wed October 21, 1920 to Sim V. Clanahan.

Alice Carey Patten, born May 17, 1873, died September 11, 1904, of a noble character, highly educated prepared to grace the higher walks in life.

Elizabeth Mary Patten, born December 9, 1879, died May 23, 1921, wed December 25, 1905 to C. F. Toenniges. Issue, Alice, born June 23, 1907; Paul, born December 18, 1908; Marion, born March 31, 1910.

4. Hon. John H. Patten, an ex-member of the South Dakota legislature, born April 4, 1839, died Nov. 4, 1923, wed March 20, 1861 to Martha Kendrick, who died September, 1901, wed for his second wife, Mrs. Lula Jaquish.

5. Caroline F. Patten, born August 31, 1842, wed February 18, 1864 to D. H. Talbot, born August 16, 1834, died February 27, 1908 (was a soldier in the Civil War). Issue, Oscar D. Talbot, born January 18, 1866 (a soldier in the Spanish-American War from April 27, 1898 to January 19, 1899).

Charles Prescott Talbot, born July 2, 1868, died November 9, 1918, wed December, 1892 to Floretta Hayes, born October 4, 1868. Issue, Clarence Prescott, born September 27, 1897, wed June 14, 1919, to Florelle Guerrant. Issue, Clarence Prescott, Jr., born May 22, 1920. Ralph Talbot, the youngest son of Charles and Floretta Talbot, born September 28, 1903. Wallace H. Talbot, born December 12, 1871, died December 16, 1921, wed September 20, 1899 to Maude Stuben. Issue, Caroline J. Talbot, born November 6, 1900, wed August 23, 1822 to John Maxwell Houts. Wallace Harlend Talbot, born December, 1905.

Mabel Grace Talbot, born March 28, 1873, wed De-December 31, 1896 to Charles Hayes, born March 25, 1864. Issue, Elmer Henry Hayes, born December 16, 1897, wed December 31, 1919 to Bernice Drummond. Grace Carol Hayes, born February 28, 1899, died May 6, 1907. Helen C. Hayes, born December 22, 1901, and Charles Oscar, born August 30, 1911.

Robert Byron Talbot, born November 13, 1876, wed March 23, 1905 to Flora Dell Knight, born November 19, 1883. Issue, Ethel Mabel, born March 29, 1907; Hazel Irene, born January 2, 1910, and Byron Robert, born March 22, 1917.

6. Julia Elizabeth Patten, born December 30, 1844 in New York, died in Illinois, December 17, 1851.

7. Byron A. Patten, born December 20, 1846, died October 22, 1922 in Florida. Served in Civil War over three years in the 105th Illinois Infantry. Wed April 6, 1870 to Elnora Schoomaker, born September 4, 1851, died February 24, 1905. Issue, Ethel Faye Patten, born October 7, 1873, wed November 18, 1898 to Frank W. Ames. Issue, Byron, Francis, Burton Weber and Helen Lucille.

John Vernon Patten ,born March 5, 1875, wed April 6, 1898 to E. Hortensia Harman. Issue, Donald Carl, born November 7, 1901 and John Harman, born April 22, 1909.

Ernest Byron Patton, born February 23, 1879, wed June 3, 1903 to Edyth M. Cleveland. Issue, Dorothy Gertrude, born December 31, 1905, and Byron Albert, born October, 1912.

Jeanette Patten, born December 23, 1884, wed September 27, 1910 to William G. Conners. Issue, William Byron, born August 22, 1912, and Robert Milton, born February 20, 1914; Dale, born August 30, 1920, and Charles Evan, born April 22, 1922.

8. Milton D. Patten, born March 10, 1848, wed April 6, 1870 to Eva S. Graves. Issue, Fred B. Patten, born March 22, 1873, wed September 9, 1896 to Mary L. Peters; Mark Patten, born September 22, 1875, died April 8, 1881; Jesse Patten, born May 24, 1877, died April 7, 1881.

Claribel Patten, born January 23, 1884, wed December 28, 1904 to Harry D. Wallace, born December 18, 1881. Issue, C. Kendall, born April 24, 1907; Harry Milton, born June 29, 1909.

Descendants of Conrad I., John, John I. Countryman, Senior

Daniel Countryman, the fifth son of John I. and Elizabeth Hoke Countryman, was born March 31, 1815, in the town of Stark, County of Herkimer and state of New York, and died in Ogle County, Illinois, March 14, 1883. He and his wife were buried in Lynnville cemetery. Wed February 14, 1838 to Sally Phillips, born December 12, 1818, died August 10, 1893. Occupation, a farmer and stockman. Emigrated to Illinois in June, 1855, and settled in the town of Lynnville, Ogle County. Issue, James Alonzo, Menzo, Calvin, Zerua, Carrie, Estella and Jennie Countryman.

1. Hon. James Alonzo Countryman (elected Representative to the state legislature of Illinois for two terms), born May 24, 1840, died Dec. 13, 1923, wed February 26, 1873 to Caroline Clinkhart, born April 18, 1847. Occupation of J. A. Countryman, farmer and breeder of fine cattle and hogs. Issue, Floyd M., F. Belle, Ralph A., and Jay.

Floyd M. Countryman, born July 12, 1874, wed March 15, 1900 to Marion B. Pullin, born May 25, 1874. Issue, Clare A., born January 9, 1902, wed April 5, 1923 to Elizabeth Delaney; J. Everett, born January 4, 1903; Dorothy M., born December 8, 1904; Daniel, born December 15, 1907; Frank K., born June 26, 1910; Helen Irene, born March 12, 1916, and Richard, born April 4, 1918.

F. Belle Countryman, born August 14, 1877, wed June 4, 1903 to John G. Boyle. Issue, John G., Jr., born May 9, 1907, and James Alonzo, born May 8, 1910, died May 13, 1913.

Ralph A. Countryman, born February 11, 1882, wed June 2, 1903 to Margaret Seymore Hubbard, born October 31, 1881. Issue, Caroline Elizabeth, born April 18, 1905; Clark Hubbard, born April 29, 1910; Mary Louise, born

July 13, 1916, and William Douglas, born August 30, 1920.

Jay Countryman, youngest son of J. A. and Caroline Countryman, born April 27, 1887, wed May 5, 1920 to Blanche Crawford.

2. Menzo Countryman, born July 15, 1842 in Starkville, New York, drowned in American River near Sacramento, California, May 22, 1864.

3. Calvin Countryman, born March 11, 1844, wed December 23, 1868 to Abby Slafter, daughter of Sylvester and Eliza Reed Slafter, born December 27, 1845, died January 24, 1887. Occupation of Calvin Countryman was that of a farmer and wholesale fruit dealer. Issue, Cora Almeda, Charles Millard, Della Viola, Howard Daniel, Fanny and Edith.

Cora Almeda Countryman, born August 18, 1870, wed May 28, 1895 to Walter V. Boyle, born November 5, 1869. Issue, Calvin James, born August 23, 1900.

Charles Millard Countryman, born April 21, 1872, wed February 19, 1897 to Alta May Austen, born June 11, 1873. Issue, Abby Ruth, born January 20, 1899, wed August 24, 1921 to Franklin Ritchie, born May 22, 1897. Issue, a daughter born September 25, 1922, lived an hour. Sons of C. Millard and Alta M. Countryman: Austen, born February 26, 1920; Charles Millard, Jr., born September 1, 1904; Carlos Slafter, born January 30, 1907, and Calvin, born January 2, 1912.

Della Viola Countryman, born September 18, 1873, wed September 14, 1899 to Orange Lee Shaw, born October 15, 1873. Issue, Alice Gertrude, born September 18, 1902. Orange Edmund, born May 30, 1905; Gladys Viola, born April 22, 1908, and Robert C., born September 21, 1910.

Howard Daniel Countryman, born December 9, 1875, wed June 5, 1901 to Helen Kerr Dick, born March 10, 1879. Issue, Howard Dick, born March 14, 1902; Wallace Edgar, born April 28, 1906, and Dorothy Jean, born May 6, 1910.

Fanny Countryman, born December 30, 1876, died January 2, 1877.

Edith Countryman, born June 4, 1884, died August 6, 1884.

Calvin Countryman wed for his second wife Anna Rebecca Slafter, daughter of Carlos and Rebecca Bullard slafter, April 24, 1895. She was born in Deadham, Mass., January 20, 1863.

4. Zerua Countryman, daughter of Daniel and Sally Countryman, born August 15, 1850 and died January 15, 1852, in Starkville, New York.

5. Carrie Estella Countryman, born March 4, 1854, wed June 19, 1872 to Benjamin Franklin Allen. Issue, Adia Van Ness, born February 8, 1876, and Daniel Benjamin, born May 9, 1878, wed April 9, 1901 to Jennie Louise Curtis.

6. Jennie Viola Countryman, youngest child of Daniel and Sally Phillips Countryman, was born in April, 1863, wed June 18, 1883 to Wesley M. Longenecker. Issue, one daughter, Grace.

Descendants of Conrad I., John, John I. Countryman, Senior.

Moses Countryman, the youngest child of John I. and Elizabeth Hoke Countryman, was born July 25, 1817 and died June 19, 1884 in Lynnville, Ogle County, Illinois. Wed to Biansa Sanders, daughter of Solomon Sanders, of Danube, Herkimer County, New York. Issue, Jedua Countryman, born Nov. 3, 1843, died 1862 at Fort Pickins, South Carolina, as a soldier in the war of the Rebellion; Julius Countryman, born in 1845, died in childhood. Moses Countryman wed as his second wife, Mary Elizabeth Cooper, born April 28, 1830 and died Feb. 14, 1883. Issue, one son, Charles, who died in January 1862. Moses Countryman and second wife are buried in Lynnville cemetery.

The only record we have of Catherine Countryman, the second daughter of John I. Countryman, Sr. and Elizabeth Hoke Countryman, is that she married Daniel Lampert. Issue, two daughters, Elizabeth and Peggy, and one son, name unknown.

Rachel Countryman, the third daughter, married John Cain. Issue, two sons, Chauncey and Ira Cain

War Record of Carlos Calvin Slafter.

Enlisted August 16, 1917 in the 5th Nebraska. Went in training at Camp Cody, New Mexico. Left Camp Cody with a replacement June 15, 1918 and landed with the 41st Division in Coute, France, July 10, 1918. November 2, 1918 was transferred to the 3rd Machine Gun Battalion of the First Division and was with the Army of Occupation in and about Coblenz, Germany. Left Coblenz August 20, 1919 by train to Brest, France, where he took boat for this side of the world. Landed in New York, September 5, 1919. Paraded in New York City, September 9 and left for Camp Briggs, Washington, D. C., where he paraded again September 10. Moved to Camp Meade, Md., then to Camp Dodge, Iowa, and was mustered out September 25, 1919, and returned home, September 29, 1919.

War Record of Edmund Slafter.

Edmund Farwell Slafter, of Lincoln, Nebraska, enlisted in the army December 10, 1917. Went overseas July 26, 1918 with the 7th M. O. R. S. Landed back in the United States, June 22, 1919, and was discharged July 9, 1919.

War Record of John C. Craft.

Entered service at Camp Grant, Illinois, on September 21, 1917. Assigned to "M" Company, 342nd Infantry, 86th Division. Trained at Camp Grant until August 22, 1918. Made non-commissioned officer as follows: Corporal, Nov. 21, 1917; Sergeant, Jan. 8, 1918; First Sergeant, Feb. 25, 1918. Moved with regiment to Camp Upton, N. Y. on August 22, 1918. Embarked on overseas duty Sept. 9, 1918. Landed in Liverpool, England, Sept. 21, 1918. Trained about ten days in England and moved to South Hampton. Sailed from last named station to LaHarve, France, and thence by rail to training area in Bordeaux. Sent to Army Candidates School at Camp de la Valbonne (Ain) France on October 10, 1918. Commissioned Feb. 21, 1919. Later stationed at

Menton, Noyes, St. Aignan, France. Assigned to "A" Company 53rd Infantry, 6th (Regular Army) Division. Sailed for United States with regiment from Brest, June 6, 1919, and landed June 12, 1919. Passed with regiment through Camp Mills, N. Y., to Camp Grant, for discharge on June 21, 1919.

War Record of Clarance P. Talbot.

Clarence Talbot enlisted November 13, 1917, at Chicago, Illinois, and was ordered to duty December 13, 1917, at the School of Military Aeronautics at Austin, Texas. He completed his course there about February 16, 1918, and was ordered to Camp Dick, Dallas, Texas, a concentration camp to await orders to a flying field. On March 15, 1918, he was ordered to Park Field Memphis, Tennessee, for pilot training. He received his commission as Second Lieutenant here, June 4, 1918, and was ordered back to Camp Dick; from Camp Dick he went to Langley Field, Hampton, Virginia, leaving there November 9th for Tolliferro Field, Fort-Worth, Texas. He was discharged from this field January 9, 1919. He was out of the service from that time until November 24, 1920, when he accepted a First Lieutenancy, Air Service, in the Regular Army. January 2, 1922, he was ordered to the University of Illinois as Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics. In May, 1923, he was notified that he would sail for the Hawaiian Islands in the fall.

Service Record of Arthur T. Guest.

Arthur Thomas Guest, Army Serial Number 973,741, enlisted January 17, 1918, at Local Board, Ogle County, Illinois. Assigned to Ordnance Training Course, Enlisted Ordnance Corps National Army, at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, January 21, 1918. Transferred February 25, 1918 to San Antonio Arsenal, Texas. Transferred April 24, 1918 to Camp Raritan, Metuchen, N. J., to the 14th Provisional Ordnance Depot Co., May 15, 1918, transferred to Raritan Arsenal headquarters where he was assigned to

Arsenal Company No. 1 as receiving clerk in the amunition section. Promoted to Corporal, May 15, 1918; sergeant, May 15, 1918; sergeant first class, Oct. 16, 1918; ordnance sergeant, December 24, 1918. Transferred March 7, 1919 to 10th company 161st Depot Brigade, Camp Grant, Illinois. Honorably discharged because of convenience of the government March 15, 1919, at Camp Grant, Illinois.

Service Record of William Norman Countryman.

William Norman Countryman enlisted in Chicago on March 23, 1918, as an ordinary seaman. He was first assigned to the New York division and later transferred to the U. S. Cutter "Mackinac." He was honorably discharged in accordance with the provisions and regulations of the government for the Coast Guard on March 18, 1919. His period of service extended over a period of eleven months and twenty-three days.

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John E. Countryman

1925

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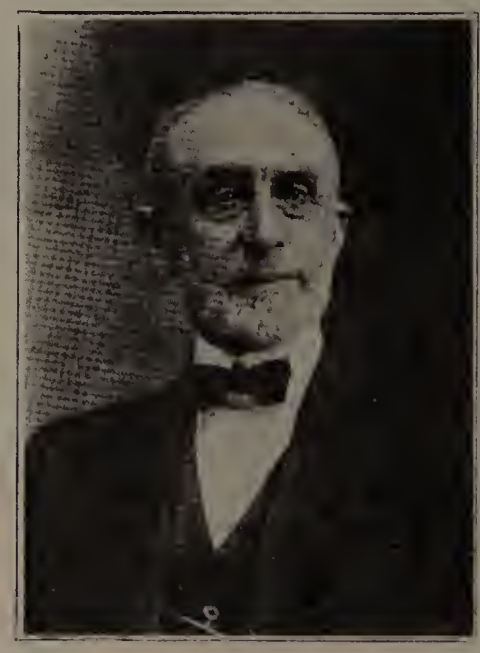
born July 6, 1846
died July 18, 1927
at Moville

The 1925 edition was dedicated to Alvin Countryman and his parents John I. and Nancy Failing Countryman. This reprint is also dedicated to John Erving Countryman who completed and brought to print the first edition.

Furthermore we recognize and dedicate this reprint, to my Grandfather, Andrew J. (Jack) Countryman, youngest son of Peter and Margaret Nicholas Countryman. For without his interest in family history, his several contributions to the original edition and a purchaser of one of these first volumes, now a prized personal possession, it would not have been possible for us to bring about this first reprint of this most valuable family history.

Ardell Countryman, 1975



JOHN ERVIN COUNTRYMAN
1844

Those who do not look upon themselves as a link connecting the past with the future do not perform their duty to the world.---Daniel Webster

In cherished memory of my Father, Mother, and sacred family ties—in kindly appreciation of my brother Alvin's initiative and marked success in Part I—and in highest regard for our patriotic and heroic ancestors, that had part in establishing, developing and maintaining our priceless republic; with all who in any way gave me assistance, I most cheerfully dedicate Part II of Countryman Genealogy.

FATHER
JOHN I. COUNTRYMAN, Jr.
1801-1866

MOTHER
NANCY FAILING COUNTRYMAN
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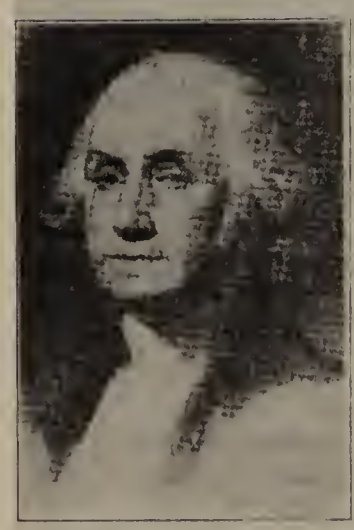

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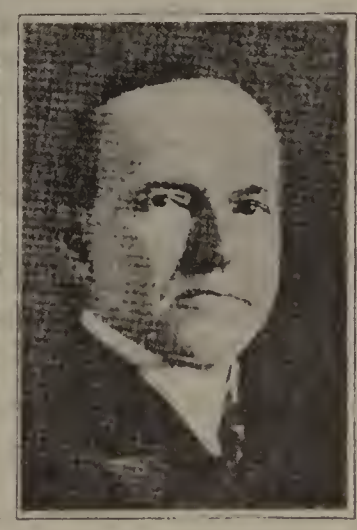

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AMERICAN INDIANS.

Our Neighbors for Half a Century

Introductory

The concept of a Countryman Genealogy Book originated with my brother, Alvin. This thought was conceived, born and brought issue the last days of the 19th century. In 1901 he attended a Countryman reunion at Clifton Springs, New York, where he met representative members of different Countryman clans and families that enthused him to invite the eastern Countrymans to a reunion for which he would arrange to be held at Rochelle, Illinois, in June, 1902. At these gatherings he got data and inspiration that gave impetus to his new born project. With diligent effort he began gathering data that was basic to the enterprise by correspondence with individuals whom he thought best informed in ancestral history.

In Norman W. Countryman, of Fultonville, N. Y., Rev. A. F. Countryman, Scottsburg, N. Y., and L. N. Countryman, of California, he found valuable informants. Inherited documents found in possession of J. A. Countryman, of Rochelle, Ill., proved valuable in establishing the genealogy of the John line. Realizing the largness of the task undertaken he naturally concentrated his efforts where he could realize quickest and best results. This he found in the John I. of the John line. To this he applied himself diligently with marked success. The tardiness of correspondents so retarded the work, and finding the burden of years and ill health at the door, he reluctantly refrained from any further effort, than to have published data acquired, which he purpsoed in doing in the spring of 1916, when death occurred January 13, 1916.

The work thus deferred was left to family and friends to publish—which on account of the World War and incident hindrances was postponed indefinitely.

Knowing something of the defeat my brother felt in his physical disability to reach the goal of his aspirations —a Countryman Genealogy—I felt challenged by an incited

kindred ambition to supplement and complement as best I could, that which he had so complimentary begun.

Part I of the Countryman Genealogy is as he had arranged it for publication, save bringing it to date by his efficient daughter, Emma V., his grandson, Arthur T. Guest, and Ida Countryman Craft.

Never assured of ever making my effort tangible on printed page, yet from a sense of personal satisfaction, I began a correspondence in 1917 and with other available means I secured a mass of data far surpassing my initial conception. Some of my immediate friends and relatives becoming cognizant of data in hand, encouraged me to further prosecution and warranted me in bringing the matter of publication before our Countryman reunion June 27, 1923

Presenting at this gathering my idea of an extended genealogy, with church, court and military records—complimented with pictoral, physognomic and biographical history—also giving an approximate cost of publication. I was then and there authorized to go forward, with the guaranty of cousin Calvin Countryman that the cost of publication would be promptly met.

Realizing the sole responsibility conferred and by me assumed, I found in securing further data and selecting from a mass of seven years' correspondence and memoranda data, the copying and arranging of same for press, a task wisdom counseled me as arduous and perplexing for a verging octegenarian. A remove of five generations has proven the counsel correct. Generations have appealed in vain to flush and vigor, so hoary head must need respond.

As Countryman historian I do not pose. Were I of college polish, might I in earlier years graced page in history full, of sires heroic, brave; and writ some lyric lines to note their praise—my hand, less foreign to plow, the spade and hoe.

Malennial progress crowns the double century from pioneers to present date. To kinsman, filial, strong, of graphic mind and facile pen, is left the task to write the wordy, worthy record they deserve.

Unfortunate indeed that contemporaries of three or

four generations since, had not chronicled invaluable data from lips now silent and made tangible records now lost or unintelligible from age. For this there is no retrieve—so sense of duty calls on all to save a further loss to future generations. To this end and any needed corrections, blank pages are furnished in back of book. Delay and delays have consequented much added correspondence. Importuning letters for information, with self-addressed stamped envelopes enclosed (at times repeated) have been ignored. Prayer for vigor, patience and persistance has featured the enterprise. The content of this book is the generous response from appeal to many sources. Every page, a veiled sacrifice in persistent effort—spotless from sordid gain. Yours at publication price.

The better knowledge of the Countryman clan and the many pleasant acquaintances made; the making tangible and of easy access kindred records, and privileged to dedicate to a common kinship and to the memory of a common and heroic ancestry my latest effort of filial respect, is a joy of ample recompense.

John E. Countryman, 1924.

The Palatines

(Copied from Harper's Encyclopedia.)

Early in the eighteenth century many inhabitants of the Lower Palatinate lying on both sides of the Rhine in Germany were driven from their homes by the persecutions of Louis XIV. of France, whose armies desolated their country. England received many of the fugitives. In the spring of 1708 on the petition of Joshua Koererthal, evangelical minister for a body of Lutherans, for himself and thirty-nine others to be transported to America, an order was issued by the Queen in Council for such transportation and their naturalization before leaving England. The Queen provided for them at her own expense. This first company of Palatines was first landed on Governors Island, New York, and afterwards settled near the site of Newburg, Orange County, N. Y. in the spring of 1709. In 1710 a larger emigration of Palatines to America occurred, under the guidance of Robt. Hunter, governor of New York. These about 3000 in number, went further up the Hudson. Some settled on Livingston Manor at Germantown, where a tract of 6000 acres was bought from Livingston by the British government for their use. Some soon afterwards crossed the Hudson into Greene County and settled at West Camp—others went far up the Mohawk while a considerable body went to Berks County, Pennsylvania, and were the ancestors of many patriotic families in that state.

Palatines from Greene's Story of Old Fort Plain and the Middle Mohawk Valley:

Their country desolated by war in 1708 a large body of German immigrants from the Palatinate on the Rhine landed in New York and were settled on the Hudson where their treatment by the province is open to great criticism. In 1711 their number was said to be 1761, but they had no idea of remaining in their deplorable condition. ..... In 1711 some of them moved to Schoharie Valley and some are supposed to have settled in Palatine (Mohawk Valley) about that date. They are said to have threaded on foot an

intricate Indian trail ,bearing upon their backs their worldly possessions consisting of a "few rude tools, a scanty supply of provisions, a meager wardrobe and a small number of rusty fire-arms." In 1723, numbers of Palatines emigrated to Pennsylvania, others moved up and settled in the districts of Canajoharie and Palatine and along the Mohawk and by 1725 there were settlements of these Germans extending up the river to German Flats, the eastern part of th valley being settled earlier by Dutch farmers. October 19, 1723, the Stone Arabia patent was granted to 27 Palatines, who, with their families, numbered 127. The tract conveyed by this deed contained 12,700 acres. (An earlier settlement in S. A. in 1713.)

Both Palatines and Dutch had suffered untold hardships for their religion. The presence of the Palatines in the Mohawk Valley was largely due to these facts. Under such circumstances they took their religion seriously. Hence Reformed and Lutheran Churches were early organized in the various settlements. Preaching in these churches was in the German or Dutch language, or both at intervals. After the Revolution, English was introduced in some of the churches.

At the beginning of the Revolution it may be roughly estimated that in the entire valley one half of the population was of German blood, one quarter of Holland descent, and one quarter of other racial elements, or in other words three quarters "Mohawk Dutch." After the Revolution, with growing immigration, the Teutonic element somewhat decreased, but the majority of the families of a great part of the valley possess some strain of this sterling blood.

Immigration and Settlement of the Palatines in Mohawk Valley. Mccauley says:

"Honest, laborious men who had once been thriving burgers of Manheim and Heidelberg or who had cultivated the vine on the banks of the N. Hecker and the Rhine, their ingenuity and their diligence could not fail to enrich any land which should afford them an asylum."

They rather resembled the Huguenots, as they were driven from their homes by the armies of France, who laid

waste their lands and destroyed their cities and the persecution of their own Palatine princes who were alternately Calvinists, Lutherans or Romanists.

They came to this country for freedom to worship God, and the Calvinists and Reformed built their churches side by side on the Hudson and on the Schoharie and Mohawk. The exodus of the Palatines bears some resemblance to the exodus of the children of Israel from the fact that it seems to have been a movement of nearly the whole people. Some went to Holland, others to south Germany; but the larger number found their way to England and thronged the streets of London to that extent that they were lodged in warehouses and barns and in some instances buildings were erected, while on the Surrey side of the Thames one thousand tents were pitched and the generous and charitably disposed people were taxed to the utmost to provide subsistence for this destitute army of immigrants. It became evident to Queen Anne and her advisers that something must be done to find employment or new homes for the wanderers. About 5000 were absorbed in various employments within the kingdom, while nearly 4000 were sent over to Ireland and about 92 families, or in the neighborhood of 600 persons, were sent to the Carolinas in the charge of a Swiss gentleman named Christopher Graffenreid, a native of Berne, who named the settlement Newberne.

While the Palatines were yet in London there came to England an important delegation from the province of New York. Among the notables from America were five Mohawk sachems..... It is said that in the walks of the Indian chiefs about the outskirts of London they became interested in the homeless and houseless Palatines and one of them voluntarily presented Queen Anne a tract of his land on the Scoharie for the use and benefit of the distressed Germans. This was in 1709. The next year a colony of 3000 Palatines under the charge of Governor Robt. Hunter, as "servants of the crown," sailed for the port of New York and settled on the land provided for them near the Livingston manor and on the opposite side of the Hundson at Saugerties.

On this land and under the direction of Governor Hunter they attempted the production of turpentine, resin or pitch, which proved a failure. Becoming dissatisfied with their lot which was only little less than slavery, they petitioned to be allowed to go to the promised land of "Schorie" (Schoharie) which the Indians and Queen Anne had given them.

Permission being refused they rebelled and about fifty families migrated to the valley of "Schorie" as they called it. in the fall of 1712. In March 1713 "the remainder of the people (treated by Gov. Hunter as Pharaoh treated the Israelites) proceeded on their journey and by God's assistance joined their friends and countrymen in the promised land of Schorie."

They had hardly got settled in the several settlements before they found themselves again in trouble with the "Gentlemen of Albany" and various persons who claimed the land by earlier grants from the Mohawks..... Probably about three hundred remained in Schoharie Valley, some having already settled along the Mohawk.....

With this initial, basic history, there opens a most alluring field, to one of lesser years, to search for earlier data. From this, I must desist; at present be content, that in these excerpts of accredited historians—corroborated by subsequent traditional and contemporary history, we have found ample proof that our earliest American ancestry were of, and among these early German Palatines. Refugees from the "Great Monarch"—Louis XIV; hostages of a sympathetic, pitying Queen—forced, of necessity to embark them on a heartless ocean, subject to its pitiless winds and waves for weeks—yea, possibly months, to a haven within her realm on the very borders of western civilization—still her rationed hostages and nominal subjects—verily the slaves of heartless Lords of the Manor.

Tears and joy,fittingly correlate, as emblematic of our pity and praise, for an ancestry of so conscientious, and heroic mould. Praise! without bound, to the memory of this most gracious Queen.

Genesis of Names

The genesis of names has been a problem for the wise and curious for many generations. The origin of some names seems simple and evident from their associations with time, place, vocation, environments and characteristics. That Countryman antedates all other names we think has warrant in sacred history. In the program of creation man had a place given him as Lord—with dominion over and the naming of all things.

In the year one of our Lord, A. D.—A. M.—Adam, the only man in the only country could be none other than A. Countryman. No less authority says he lived 932 years—his progeny—what other than Countryman?—the name so native for centuries vainly we seek in history for any other than given names. When the genius and kaleidoscopic use of the alphabet was exhausted in the manufacture of given names; when title to home, wife, children and possessions were jeopardized; then other than Countryman was substituted. As Countrymans were wedded to vocation and trade, we have Carpenters, Masons, Joiners and Smiths a multitude. When prestige for titles secular or religious was sought, Kings, Popes, Priests and Lords were born. When Countrymans so equatic they forsook land for water—Fish, Fisher, Craft, Shipman, names more homy theirs. Temperament beastly, foracious, bred Bear, Lyon, Wolf; the more doclie, Deer, Doe and Lamb. The elite, "400," choiring notes in upper realms, of needs must come to earth for food, to rest and nest—their fledglings, Hawks, Jays, Wrens, et-cetera. To nature, art, vocation, characteristics, resort has been—adinfinitum. Centuries have dug up names hierogliphic that men of letters have no key to meaning. Rampant, vampish fad and fashion have wrecked many a good name—from salvage, what hope have we.

Providence (ever has a remnant) jealous of His own, caused to emerge from the babel of names and wilderness exile a John Cuntreman (landsman, strangely clad.) *English Rolls Cam. Co. 1273 A. D. *English Rolls page 134.

St. Peters Cornhill 1586, buried Eliza, dau. of William Clifton Cuntreman.

Countrymans in the English Isles today may have been descendants of these or of a Palatine Countryman remaining there the time our ancestors came to America via England. To sacred history we are indebted for record of two great characters: Adam 1st, Gen. 1 to3, and Adam 2nd, Romans 5-14, consequenting two great eras from which all ancient and modern history date. Strangely similar in Countryman genealogy we have in an Adam Contreman, born Jan. 21, 1719, the earliest definite record of Contremans in America.

Traditional history seems to cluster around one John Frederick Contreman, who is said to have settled in the Province of New York about 1708 to 1715.

*Newberry Library, origin and meaning of sir names.

Several accredited historians* record that many Germans about that time fled from the Lower Palitinate to England and thence to America, freeing themselves from the tyranny of Louis the XIV. Tradition further has it that this John Frederick, wife and three lads—their ages about 6, 9 and 12, settled on the west bank of the Hudson river ,probably Ulster County. The first definite records of any Contremans in this country is the birth of an Adam Contreman, the son of a Conradt Contreman, born Jan. 21, 1719, and also a son, Marcus, born Oct. 21, 1720. These are found in the personal records of a Rev. J. J. Wock, a minister who lived and served churches in the Mohawk Valley.

The next record of interest is that Conradt Contreman with two others, in 1731, secured a grant of 2000 acres of land in Tryon, now Montgomery County, New York, of King George 2nd. In 1738 I find in Ulster County, New York an Andraus (Andrew) and Henry Contreman serving in the militia of that county. In the same county in 1754 the Marbletown Reformed Church record has the names of a Fred Contreman and several of his children. May we not infer that Conradt, Andrew and Henry were the three traditional sons of John Frederick and the Fred last named was a son —American born. The roster of the New York Revolution

soldiers shows a Fred Contreman from Ulster County, New York, serving in the same regiment with the Contremans of Montgomery County. The names of Andrew and Henry Contreman do not again appear in civil or military records of New York. In the earliest history of Countrymans in Pennsylvania we find the names of Andrew, Henry, Jacob and George. All of these save Henry were soldiers in the Revolutionary War. Jacob and Henry in 1772 owned land in Northampton County. In Virginia we find a Henry Countryman a Revolutionary soldier. Later, in the first United States census, 1790, a Henry Countryman family of eight white souls. Conradt, of the Mohawk Valley, had a family of seven sons and three daughters. As will be seen all the sons were tenaciously wedded to family names: Adam had three sons: Conrad, Adam, John, and two grandsons, John and John A.

Marcus had three sons: Marcus or Marx, Conrad M. and John M.; Frederick had two sons: Frederick and John F. Conrad 2nd had four sons: John A., Henry, Conrad and Frederick. Jacob had three sons: Jacob, Conrad and John. John had a son: John, and four generations of Johns. George, the youngest son had a son, grandson and a great-grandson George.

Noting the reverence cherished by our ancestors for family names, and their constant recurrence in later record. Complementing this that all the Countrymans however spelled, spoke the same ancestral German language. The three lads unguarded by parental care would not have embarked to a strange land. And that in a fitting number of years they should be found establishing family and military records—is it a strain to credence that the traditional John Frederick Contreman is the progenitor of all the Contremans, Condermans and Countrymans in America, however spelled?

Migration seems a Countryman characteristic. They census in every middle and western state—few in New England, and but very few south of the Mason and Dixon line. Canada registers a few Countrymans as citizens.

The first United States census taken in 1790 credits

Countrymans in New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and South Carolina. The Virginia Countrymans migrated to Highland and other southern counties in Ohio. I have been unable to locate any Countrymans by correspondence with officials in sections of Virginia and South Carolina where Countrymans lived in 1790—so believe they migrated to other states. The exodus of Countrymans from eastern Pennsylvania to western counties dates late in the eighteenth century. In the first half of the nineteenth century some of the Pennsylvania Countrymans migrated to Ohio, Iowa and Michigan. Early in the nineteenth century the New York Countrymans began migrating to Jefferson, St. Lawrence, Steuben and Oswego Counties, and later to Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois and Iowa. True to name and vocation—home on land as fish in water.

Three generations of our ancestors knew no steamboat, railroad or telegraph. Churches seemed an early requisite and were established and served by an efficient German ministry. For English schools they were long waiting for lack of competent teachers, which accounts for many of our ancestors making their mark (X) or scrawling a barely legible name to English indentures.

The advantages of the Jamestown and Plymouth colonies, almost a century older, were incomparably greater. The mother tongue; many versed in English literature; churches, schools, press and forum--forces for a cultured citizenship—all prophetic factors for a self-governing people.

Meritorious indeed of our fathers to accept expulsion from native land for conscience sake and stake their all for weeks to wind and wave to anchor in harbor wholly foreign in custom and language. The isolations of our earliest ancestors must have been tragically painful. Settling as they did on the very western borders of provincial civilization—a lone German colony surrounded on the east and south by the Dutch and English, on the north and west by the French and Indians. Merit is due them in conquering the wild beasts of the forest—too, in pacifying or expelling the wilder and more dangerous savage. Added merit is theirs that the mighty forest made obeisance to their mandate and the

vexing of Mother Earth twixt stump and stone yielded him her substance. In their flights of fancy and paradisical dreams they had no near approach to the mountain of priviliges their progeny enjoys today. Their markings, as most of their children for honors and distinction, have been largely by plow, harrow and hoe. From soil and rural environments, some have been lured by our schools and colleges to capitalize the name with Hon., Rev., Prof., Att'y and Judge. The polish of our fathers was from the hard rubs of privation—they lustered in the schools of industry and economy. To their religious status, church history and records will witness. The military rosters of state and nation we present as evidence of their patriotism. The value of their citizenship we cherish in their valor to sever themselves, from kingly tyranny to have part in establishing, maintaining and developing our most glorious republic.

May it ever be that Countryman, place and vocation are so harmonized in physical, intellectual and moral attainments that the country will be the abode of Countryman and countrymen so numerous and patriotic that our country may ever be safe for democracy.

Genealogy of Conradt Countryman

Conradt Contreman, the reputed son of John Frederick Coutreman, was born in the Lower Palitinate Germany about the last decade in the 17th century. 'Tis said he came to America with his parents when about 12 years old and lived with them for a time, on the west bank of the Hudson river. Later, we find him in the Mohawk valley in the Canajoharie District, what was then Albany Co.—later—Tryon and now Montgomery. He was married prior to 1719—to whom, we do not know. He died prior to May 6, 1777, as on that hate his son, John, sold his interest in his father's estate. He evidently belonged to the Lutheran church in Stone Arabia, as in its records we find his and some of his children's names. The date of his and his wife's death and where buried we have no record. Probably buried at Stone Arabia or Sand Hill cemetery near Fort Plain.

His family consisted of seven sons and three daughters—all born and grew to mature years—married and lived in what is now Montgomery county. As to names of sons and the order of births, we are quite assured—of the daughters, not so well. Sons were: Adam, Marcus, Frederick, Conrad, Jacob, John and George. Daughters: Barbara, some say Anna Rosina; 2nd daughter, Ann Eve; 3rd daughter, Mary (?).

The first named daughter married an Isaac or John Pickard. Both were Revolutionary soldiers and had sons in the army with them. Ann Eve wed Wilhelm Dillenback. In the same regiment with Pickards and Contremans, we have the names of Henrich and John Dillenback. The third daugh ter married John Plants. They had a son, John Jr. Father and son were Revolutionary soldiers.

The genealogy of the sons will be given in the order as above named:

Adam, oldest son of Conradt Contreman, wed Elizabeth, widow of Casper Lipe. Issue: four sons and one daughter, viz.: Hannes, Adam, Conrad, John and Anna. Adam 2d married———died prior to 1802. Issue: John, Margaret, Catharine, Anna, Elizabeth and Maria. Conrad, son of

Adam C., died prior to 1902. Married———. Issue: Margaret. John, youngest son of Adam, born———, died———, wed———. Issue: John Adam. Anna, only daughter of Adam, wed John Peter Dunkel. Issue: Daniel, who wed Catharine Countryman, his cousin.

John Adam Contreman, Son of John, of Adam, of Conradt.

John A. Conterman, a descendant of Conrad Conterman, (who had a land grant from King George the 2d), was born the 28th day of October, 1791—died July 19th, 1868. November 10, 1810, he married Margaret Welgemuth, as the result of this union eight children were born, namely: Maria, Betsey, Katie, Adam, Margaret, Abram, Rosanna, and William.

He served in the War of 1812 and was stationed for a time at Sackett's Harbor, N. Y. The musket (a flint-lock), which he carried, is now in possession of his grandson, Edwin Timothy, at Central Square, N. Y. In 1836 he moved from Montgomery to Oswego county, settling in the township of West Monroe, on a farm partly cleared, where he reared his family and upon which he died.

The oldest daughter, Maria, married Abram Moyer, and settled down on a farm in West Monroe adjoining the old homestead. Betsey married Jacob Sneck and spent her life in the Mohawk valley. Buried at Mt. Hope cemetery, Ford's Bush.

1. Polly (Maria), born Jan. 1st, 1812. Died, June 28th, 1888. Children: Adam, John, Jacob and Mary.
2. Betsey, born May 9th, 1814. Died March 7, 1852.
3. Sally, born Oct. 2, 1816. Died, June 11, 1849.
4. Adam, born Jan. 10, 1819. Died, Jan. 27, 1891.
5. Peggy, born June 22, 1821. Died, Dec. 23, 1868.
6. Rosanna, born June 8, 1824. Died, Aug. 5, 1895.
7. Abram, born Sept. 5, 1826. Died, March 16, 1906.
8. William, born May 12, 1831. Died, Nov. 28, 1912.

Abram Conterman.

Abram Conterman, son of John A. Conterman, born in Minden, N. Y., Montgomery county, Sept. 5, 1824, came with the family to West Monroe, Oswego county, N. Y., in 1836, and helped to clear the farm which his father bought. After leaving the farm he learned the blacksmith trade and conducted a shop at Constantia, N. Y., until the breaking out of the Civil War, then responded to his country's call, raised a regiment and served as 1st Lieut., Co. H, 147th Regt., N. Y. S. Vols. After the war, he came to Central Square, N. Y., to live, became interested in railroad building and contracting and followed that the rest of his life. He married for his wife, Miss Phebe Hoyt, of West Monroe. There were no children. His body now rests by the side of his father, John A. Conterman, in West Monroe cemetery.

William Conterman, the youngest son of John A. Conterman, was born in Minden, Montgomery Co., May 12, 1831; died in Central Square, N. Y., Nov. 28, 1912. In 1856 he married Hannah, daughter of Rev. S. W. Leonard, of West Monroe N. Y. Their children were: Margaret, who died at the age of three years; Dr. William H., of Central Square, N. Y.; Edwin Timothy, of Central Square, N. Y.; Ella, who married Ben J. Shaver, of Euclid, N. Y., and Arthur, who died at the age of twenty-three from acute appendicitis.

William H. Conterman, oldest son of Wm. Conterman, was born Feb. 20, 1862. He married Florence E. Beeby. Issue: Frank, Fred and Donald. Mrs. Conterman died in 1917. His second marriage was to Mrs. Charlotte Bourlier, of Central Square. For further, see Biograpical Sketch with cut.

For genealogy of Adam Conterman, eldest son of John Adam Conterman, see biographical sketch with cut.

Honnes, son of Adam, of Conradt 1st.

Hannas, (baptismal name), for John Adam Contreman, was born Feb. 13, 1748. Died July 10, 1838. Married Catharine Horning, June 3, 1873. She died July 11, 1844.

Both are buried in Dutch St. cemetery, Fremont, Steuben county, N. Y. Issue: Adam J., Solomon, Katie, Samuel, Daniel, Jacob J., and a son. David, who died at the age of seventeen years.

Adam J., eldest son of John A. Conderman, was born Jan. 31, 1784. Died, Oct. 27, 1870. Wed Elizabeth Brunner, Feb. 10, 1807. She was born June 4, 1785 and died Feb. 16, 1862. Both were buried in Dutch Street cemetery, Fremont, Steuben county, N. Y. Issue: Abram, born Sept. 9, 1807; died June 11, 1880; married Mahala Fox; issue: Anna M. and Branca.

Katy, oldest daughter of Adam J., was born July 13, 1809; died Dec. 28, 1892; wed Adam Fikes.

Margaret, born Oct. 11, 1811; wed John Wells; died May 23, 1881.

Mary, born Juluy 29, 1813; wed John Brownell. She died Sept. 3, 1850. Hannah, born July 26, 1816, and died July 6, 1836, unmarried.

David Conderman, son of Adam J., was born in Herkimer county, N. Y., July 30, 1818; died Jan. 1, 1886. Catharine E. Conderman, his wife, was born Dec. 3, 1820; died April 1, 1875. Issue: Catharine E. Conderman, born May 3, 1845; died July 16, 1822; Rocelia, born Jan. 5, 1843; died Jan. 15, 1867; Marion D. Conderman, born June 23, 1851; died Oct. 17, 1874; Fred S. Conderman, born May 20, 1863; died Oct. 30, 1917.

Catharine E. Conderman wed Franklin D. Sherwood, Jan. 9, 1872. He died Sept. 14, 1907. Kate Sherwood, their only child, born Jan. 8, 1877; she wed Fay P. Rathbun. Fred S. Conderman wed Elizabeth Pechin; issue: Helitia Conderman, who wed Fred M. Whettey, and Catherine Conderman, who wed Carl M. Gage. Fred C. Conderman's second marriage to Belle E. Merriman resulted in four children being born: Fred D. Conderman, born———; wed———; Rocelia J. Conderman, born———; married to———; Evelyn Conderman, born———; wed to Clarence ———, whom she divorced, and Beatrice Conderman, unmarried.

John D. Conderman, son of Adam J., was born Sept.

30, 1820, and died July 17, 1890; wed Asseneth Spaulding; issue: Frank Laverne, Charles C. and George. Frank has no children. Laverne has two sons, Bert and John D. They are the firm of Conderman Bros., jewelers, in Hornell, N. Y. John D. has two children: Mary Adelaid and John D., Jr. Charles, unmarried, was accidently killed in 1902. George, an M. D., and wife, Mildred J., have no children. All of Hornell, N. Y.

Caleb Conderman, son of Adam J., born Feb. 13, 1824; July 26, 1898; married Sally Mullholland, born March 16, 1821, and died Aug. 23, 1888; issue: Elizabeth, Emma S., Rose F., Jay Gould, and Wilbur Ray.

Elizabeth A. Conderman born April 18, 1846, wed Russell M. Bradley Jan. 28, 1880; issue: Carl R. Bradley, born Nov. 5, 1882; wed Mary Elizabeth Hopkins, April 3, 1920. Electa E. Bradley, born April 26, 1884; wed Louis A. Proudfoot; and John J. Bradley, born Sept. 19, 1885.

Rose F. Conderman, born April 4, 1857; wed David S. Chapin Oct. 17, 1882, born March 30, 1857 and died Oct. 4, 1921; issue: Rose E., who wed Charles S. Farrow, Feb. 20, 1902, who died Oct. 28, 1916. Second marriage to Edwin C. Smith, May 29, 1919.

Arthur B. Chapin, born June 1, 1885; wed Elizabeth Mann, June 4, 1919, born Nov. 14, 1891.

Margaret S. Chapin, born Dec. 1—, 18—.

Dorothy C. Chapin, born Nov. 1, 1891; married Geo. M. Jacques, June 25, 1919; issue: Patricia Rose Jacques, born July 27, 1919, and George Maynard Jacques, born Oct. 28, 1920.

Emma S. Conderman, born May 20, 1850; wed Ferris W. Lattimer, Oct. 17, 1871, born July 23, 1846, died Nov. 24, 1894; issue: Solomon V. Lattimer, born Oct. 12, 1874; wed Sadie E. Quinn, Oct. 31, 1906.

Rose E. Lattimer wed Geo. S. Farrow, Feb. 20, 1902, who died Oct. 23. 1916. Second marriage May 29, 1919, to Edwin C. Smith, born Dec. 15, 1870.

John Russell Bradley, son of Carl R. and Elizabeth Bradley, born April 8, 1921.

Thomas Quinn Lattimer, son of Solomon and Sadie Lattimer, born Dec. 24, 1907.

George Farrow Smith, born Oct. 18, 1905, and Edwin Farrow Smith, born May 1, 1910, were legally adopted by George C. and Rose E. Farrow Smith.

William Arthur Chapin, born May 23, 1920.

Daniel Mann Chapin, born July 3, 1921.

Ruth Elizabeth Chapin, born June 16, 1923.

These three are children of Arthur B. and Elizabeth Mann Chapin.

Jay Gould Conderman, son of Caleb Conderman, was born April 16, 1859; wed Julia Long, June 24, 1890. She died Nov. 4, 1893. Second marriage to Alice Mary Bloom, June 8, 1897, born March 30, 1867 and died Feb. 7, 1922; issue: first marriage, Julian Caleb, born Oct. 30, 1893.

Wilbur Ray Conderman, born June 23, 1861; died Nov. 10, 1922; wed Grace E. Montgomery, born Oct. 15, 1865; no issue.

Louisa Conderman, daughter of Adam J., born July 6, 1822; wed Edwin Madole, and died Jan. 31, 1888.

Rachael Conderman, born May 8, 1828; died March 2, 1845. Maiden lady.

Hiram, youngest son of Adam J., born April 16, 1828; married Loias Hurd, and died March, 1919; issue: one daughter, Elizabeth, living at Spring Water, N. Y. Adelbert and William, both deceased, and Dora, living at Spring Water, N. Y., and Fred S., at Henrietta, N. Y. Fred S. has one son, Ray F., with whom he lives at Henrietta. Ray F. had one son, Hiram, deceased, and a son, Charles, three years old.

Solomon Conderman, son of John A. and Catharine Horning Countryman, was born at Hartwick, Otsego county, N. Y., June 29, 1801. He wed Sophrona McFall, born Dec. 24, 1798. He died at East Grove township, Lee county, Illinois, Aug. 25, 1893. She died April 23, 1898. Issue: Lucy, born April 26, 1828; wed a Mr. Pickell; John, born Nov. 25, 1829; Katy, born May 20, 1831, wed Ed Knute, and died April 16, 1924; Solomon, Jr., born June 15, 1833, bachelor.

died Oct. 1923; Orin, born Dec. 12, 1835, was killed in Civil War and buried on battlefield; Jacob Henry, born June 14, 1837, died 1923; Daniel, born June 5, 1839, wed Catharine Mahala Cadwell, April 10, 1864. He died Jan. 21, 1924. Altheda, born July 21, 1841, wed a Mr. Taylor and died March 3, 1903; and Betsy, born June 3, 1843, wed a Mr. Heintz, and died in 1917. These children of Solomon, Sr. were all born in Howard, Steuben county, N. Y.

Jacob J. Conderman, youngest son of John A. and Catharine Horning Conderman, was born June 1, 1801, in Minden, Montgomery county, N. Y., and his wife, Lydia Ann Maydole, was born at Howard, Steuben county, N. Y., Oct. 14, 1814. They were married Oct. 14, 1831. She died June 29, 1890, and he April 10, 1899. Issue: Elias W., born Sept. 18, 1833, wed Aurelia C. Cadwell, born at Garretsville, Ohio, Dec. 9, 1838, were married at Amboy, Ill., Dec. 31, 1827. She died Nov. 21, 1916. Issue: Lydia P., born Dec. 17, 1859, wed Rolland L. Bissell, Feb. 19, 1889. He was born Dec. 5, 1858. No issue.

Edwin J., born Aug. 15, 1863, wed Nellie E. North, May 29, 1918. She was born May 29, 1864.

Nellie E., born Oct. 30, 1869, wed Frank E. Plume, Feb. 9, 1887.

Juliet Conderman, elder daughter of Jacob J. Conderman, born Dec. 2, 1835, wed Edwin Blair in 1854. She died Dec. 9, 1873. Issue: Ida A., born Oct. 11, 1856, died June 15, 1877; Frank, born April 2, 1859, wed Sarah Boyd; William, born Feb. 27, 1860, wed Lizzie Stone, Feb. 23, 1884; Ruth Blair, born June 27, 1866, wed George Berkley, March 12, 1902. He was born June 20, 1859.

Ruth Ann Conderman, daughter of Jacob J. Conderman, born May 31, 1839, wed William McCarty, Oct. 14, 1861. He was born in New York City, April 25, 1838, and died Dec. 28, 1896. Issue: George Milton, born at Amboy, April 22, 1864, died June 8, 1886; Frankie, born May 20, 1871, died June 17, 1872; William J., Jr., born Sept. 25, 1876. He and mother now living at Abingdon, Ill.

Nellie E. Conderman, daughter of Elias W., was born at Walton, Ill., Oct. 30, 1869. Her husband, Frank E. Plume,

was born at Morristown, N. J., Feb. 25, 1862. Marired Feb. 29, 1887. He died Oct. 28, 1914. Issue: Klea A., born at Rockville, Nebr., Aug. 19, 1890, wed John P. Liggett, Dec. 18, 1910. He was born at Freeport, Ill., Dec. 10, 1891, and died June 23, 1918. Issue: John A. Liggett, born at Freeport, Oct. 11, 1911. Lloyd E. Plume wed Flossie F. Ford, June 21, 1916. She was born at Shirland, Ill., Oct. 4, 1894. Issue: Frank E., born at Amboy. Ill., June 16, 1917, and Kenneth L., born at Amboy, Ill., Jan. 24, 1922.

Daniel Conderman, son of Solomon Conderman, Sr., born Jan. 5, 1839, died Jan. 25, 1924. His wife, Catharine Mahala Cadwell, born June 9, 1845, at Nelson, Portage county, Ohio. They were married April 10, 1864. Issue: Orin, born March 20, 1866, died May 13, 1876; Harriet A., born at Princeton, Ill., Jan. 6, 1868, wed John Nelson, March 21, 1892. He was born in Sweden, March 21, 1861, and died Sept. 28, 1920. Addie A. Conderman, born March 11, 1871, wed Harry J. Coleman, Dec. 14, 1893. He was born June 16, 1868, and died at Jacksonville, Ill., Dec. 16, 1823. Jasper and Josephine F., twins, born Nov. 3. 1873. Josephine wed Luther P. Tabor, Oct. 25, 1897. He was born at Springfield, Ill., Aug. 3, 1873. Ella May, born Feb. 1, 1876, wed William F. Perry, at Dixon, Ill., Dec. 25, 1897. Albert A., born Jan. 25, 1880, wed Lulu Bullington at Dixon, Ill., July 3, 1901. Curtis E., born Jan. 24, 1882, wed Vera Ida Bullington, at Dixon, Ill., Feb. 6, 1907.

Issue of Harry J. and Addie Conderman Coleman are Verna May Coleman, born at Sterling, Ill., March 30, 1897, and Leta Marie, born at Monmouth, Ill., Feb. 27, 1899. Verna May Coleman wed Elmer George Huss, at Beardstown, Ill., March 30, 1921. Issue: Elmer George Huss, Jr., born at Beardstown, April 13, 1923.

Children of Luther and Josephine Conderman Tabor.

William Daniel, born in Dixon, Ill., Nov. 27, 1898. Andrew Joseph, born in Luther, Idaho, Aug. 14, 1901. Catharine May, born April 12, 1903, at Luther, Idaho. Earl Perry, born Feb. 19, 1907, at Luther, Idaho. Pheba Marie, born at

Coeur'dalene,' Idaho, Feb. 29, 1908. Luella Roberta, born at Garwood, Idaho, Oct. 25, 1915.

William Daniel Tabor wed Beatrice W. Johnston, at Seattle, Wash., March 24, 1920. She was born at Seattle, Feb. 12, 1899.

Catharine May Tabor wed Arthur Lionel Taylor, May 15, 1923. He was born at Abington, Berkshire, England, May 7, 1896.

Ella May Conderman, daughter of Daniel Conderman, born Feb. 1, 1876, wed William F. Perry, Dec. 15, 1897. He was born at Waltham, Minn., Nov. 28, 1871. Issue: Violet Evelyne and Vernon Edwin, twins, born at Campbell, Minn., Dec. 15, 1898.

Violet Evelyne wed Winfield Scott Briggs, at Seattle, Aug. 16, 1923. He was born at Twin Lakes, Minn., Dec. 9, 1893. Pearl Lillian PePrry, born Dec. 28, 1900, wed Herbert Minster. at Spokane, Wash., April 2, 1922. He was born at Ackley, Minn., April 25, 1900. Issue: Jeanne Pearl, born at Coeurd'alene, Idaho, Feb. 4, 1924.

Albert A. Conderman, son of Daniel, was born Jan. 25, 1880, wed Lulu Bullington, July 3, 1901. She was born in Taylor township, Ogle county, Illinois, May 19, 1880. Issue: Alton H., born Sept. 28, 1904; Iola May, born Aug. 9, 1907; Laura Arlene, born Dec. 18, 1909; Beulah Faye, born Dec. 15, 1913; Roy Leslie, born Feb. 10, 1916; Weldon Albert, born Feb. 15, 1921; Evelyne Bernice, born July 28, 1922. These children all born in Lee county, Illinois.

Curtis E., son of Daniel Conderman, born Jan. 24, 1882; wed Vera Ida Bullington at Franklin Grove, Ill., Feb. 6, 1907. She was born Oct. 2, 1887. Issue: Alta Lucille, born Feb. 1, 1908; Arlo D, born April 19, 1909; Zada Fern, born July 17, 1910; Mildred Mae, born Nov. 24, 1912; Lyle James, born Jan. 15, 1916; Nellie Bernice, born June 25, 1918; Reta Jean, born June 4, 1924. These children all born in Lee county, Illinois.

Beulah M. Blair, daughter of Will and Lizzie Stone Blair, was born at Iron River, Mich., Nov. 27, 1897.

Conradt 1st, Adam, Hannas, Samuel.

Samuel Conderman, son of (Hannas) John Adam, was born in Minden, Montogmery county, N. Y., in the last decade of the 18th century and died Jan. 8, 1838 in Fremont, Steuben county, N. Y. He moved from the Mohawk valley in 1815 and built the first frame house in Fremont. His first marriage was to Caty Deiffendorf prior to 1815, as he had a daughter, Elizabeth, baptised in Minden, Oct. 1, 1815. His second marriage was to Catherine Bauter (or Bauder), who died May 11, 1821, and was the first one to be buried in what is now the Dutch Street cemetery.

Genealogy of Marcus Countryman, 2d Son

Marcus, the second son of Conradt 1st, was born Oct. 21, 1920, and died Jan. 13, 1793. His wife, Catharine, born May 22, 1726, and died Jan. 21, 1812. Children were Marcus, or Marks; John M., Conrad M., and Adam. Of Marcus, or Marx 2d, little is known. He was living in Canajoharie in 1790, U. S. census. In his family were two males and three females over sixteen years old.

John M. Conterman, son of Marcus, son of Conradt Conterman 1st, was born ———; died 1805 or 1806; wed Barbara ———. Issue: Marcus, John, William, born Jan. 10, 1797, and three daughters: the oldest married Elglehardt Wagner and lived to be nearly 100, and Elizabeth, born Feb. 24, 1802; Barbara, born April 17, 1805. (See Will)

Conrad M., son of Marcus, son of Conradt 1st, born ———; died 1817. Married Catharine Margarita ———. Issue: Marcus, Adam, Peter, Catharine, Margareta and Elizabeth. (See Will.)

Adam, youngest son of Marcus, of Conradt 1st, was with his father in Ft. Willett and acted as guard near close of Revolutionary war. He moved to Fremont, Steuben county, N. Y., in 1818. He had a son, Corneilus, born in Minden, Montgomery county, N. Y., Jan. 3, 1812, who came with his parents to Steuben county in a covered wagon. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Conderman, Jan. 8, 1835.

Issue: Jacob R., died Nov. 25, 1890; Elizabeth, wife of Asa Phillips; Harriet and Phoeba J. Two children died in infancy

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Genealogy of Frederick Countryman, 3rd Son

Frederick, son of Conradt 1st, was born ———. He was killed in the Indian and Tory raid in Minden, Montgomery county, Aug. 2, 1780. His children were John F. and Frederick. You will note in his will made in 1778 he makes provision for minor children.

Genealogy of Conrad 2d

Conrad Contreman, son of Conradt 1st, wed Elizabeth Maria ———. Issue: John Adam, who wed Maria ———.

Anna Cunterman wed Jean Deiker (Decker), Jan. 26, 1791.

Conrad Cunterman wed Catharine Miller, Feb. 9, 1790

Catherine Cunterman wed Johan Gardner, April 5, 1790.

Frederick Cunterman wed Ablonia Hauss, Nov. 24, 1792.

Henry Cunterman wed Sally Conklin, Dec. 3, 1793

Antonius (Anthony), wed Anna —— about 1803.

John Adam, son of Conrad 2nd and his wife, Maria. Issue: John Adam Jr., Conrad, Jacob, Solomon, Milia. All born in New ork. Conrad and Jacob went to Iowa in an early day. Milia was born Sept. 27, 1809. John Adam Jr. and wife had a son, John, and a daughter, Eva Maria.

Solomon, son of John Adam, of Conrad 2nd, of Conradt 1st, was born Aug. 2, 1807, in Minden, Montgomery county, N. Y.; wed Margaret Kill. Came to northern Illinois in 1842 or 1844. Children: Alfred, Alvira, John, George, Solomon Jr., Frederick, Daniel, James, Ervin. Five of these sons were in the Civil War, viz.: George, 12th Ill. Cavalry, went to California; Solomon, 74th Ill. Inft., in Rockford, Ill., 1923; Daniel, 12th Ill. Cavalry; James, 8th Ill. Cavalry; Ervin, 146th Ill. Inft., in Rockford, 1923. Solomon Countryman, Jr. came to Illinois by way of the lakes with his par-

ents when but a lad. He married Nancy Baker. Children: Willis, Georgia, Maggie and Maud. Willis wed Mary Carr. Issue: Floyd, Marion and Ida. Willis Countryman was born in Fond du Lac, Wis., May 24, 1867. When a child came to Rockford, Ill. Was Captain of the Sons of Veterans for several years and for three years foreman of the Chicago, Northwestern freight house. Died in Rockford, Ill. Georgia Countryman wed Wm. Baker. Issue: two boys and one girl: Clyde, Glenn and Margurite. Maggie wed Henry Miller. Children: Willis, Leta, Claude and Dorsey. Maud wed Isaac Denman. One child, Ruby.

Genealogy of Conrad 3d.

Conrad Countryman 3rd wed Catherine Miller, Feb. 9, 1790. Children: Sarah C., born Aug. 3, 1795, married ——— Snider; Conrad C 4th, born Sept. 18, 1797, wed Peggy Hill; Peter C., born Aug. 6, 1802, married, whereabouts unknown; Elizabeth C., born Sept. 9, 1805, wed Jacob Countryman, a cousin; John C., born Nov. 7, 1807, married Nellie Christmas; Henry C., born Aug. 8, 1811, married Catharine Docksdater; Nancy C., born ———, married ——— Young.

Genealogy of Henry Countryman, Son of Conrad 3d.

Henry Countryman wed Catharine (Katy) Docksdater. Issue: Abram, born Nov. 30, 1930, wed Magdalena Miller; Conrad, born July 20, 1933, wed Catharine Miller: Katy Sophia, born April 5, 1836, wed Frank Ruppert, no issue; Philadna, born Aug. 27, 1839, wed ——— Smith; Claressa L., born April 10, 1842, wed Gotleib Zimmerman; Henry, born Nov. 6, 1844, wed Laura Blake; Daniel, born April 26, 1850, died in infancy; Helen, born Sept. 19, 1856, died in infancy.

Genealogy of Abram Countryman, Son of Henry and Katy Docksdater Countryman.

Children: Mary Ann, born July 9, 1858, married Wm. Landwker; Frank W., born Feb. 8, 1864, married Katy Vandermoon; Edwin, born March 21, 1869, wed Lottie

Goembel; William, born Sept. 21, 1871, married Sylvia Goembel; Adlaid, born Jan. 15, 1874, died in 1882; George, born Aug. 15, 1876, married Carrie G. Smith.

Genealogy of Mary Ann Countryman Landwker.

Edward Alvin Landwker, born Feb. 15, 1885, died. Horace Landwker, born July 15, 1896, wed Esther Hanson.

Genealogy of Edwin Countryman (and wife) Lottie Goembel

Ruth W., born Nov. 27, 1898; Lowell E., born Oct. 29, 1902; Grace M., born April 26, 1906; Paul D., born Dec. 7, 1912.

Genealogy of William Countryman (wife) Sylvia Goembel.

Clayton W., born Sept. 21, 1901; Myrlin G., born May 4, 1904; Dwight E., born Dec. 21, 1909; Anita S., born May 21, 1916.

Genealogy of George, Son of Abram (wife) Carrie G. Smith

Issue: Winton U., born Jan. 11, 1903.

Genealogy of Conrad and Catharine Miller Countryman, Son of Henry Countryman.

Issue: Samuel, born Dec. 25, wed Emma Grubb.

Genealogy of Claressa (Countryman) Zimmerman.

Charles, born Sept. 26, 1866, wed Fredericka Bohm; Barbara Philinda, born Nov. 8, 1868, died Oct. 9, 1885; Katy Sophia, born Nov. 8, 1868, died Nov. 8, 1886.; Sarah, born July 28, 1871, wed Manning DeWolf; Clara, born July 28, 1871, wed Francis W. Smith; Philip, no dates.

Genealogy of Charles and Fredericka Zimmerman.

Alba, born Nov. 13, 1888; Hazel, born June 6, 1890; Arthur, born Feb. 8, 1892; Charles, born Feb. 26, 1894; Earl, born Dec. 21, 1895; Catharine, born May 22, 1898; Myrtle, born Aug. 9, 1903; Margurete, born Sept. 14, 1905.

Genealogy of Henry Countryman, Jr., wife, Laura Blake.

Issue: Dora and Ida. Dates of birth unknown.

Genealogy of Clara Zimmerman Smith.

Children: William B., born April 18, 1892; Maud C., born Dec. 13, 1893; Hazel A., born Aug. 20, 1895; George R., born Oct. 18, 1897; Francis C., born Jan. 1, 1900; Emily E., born April 11, 1901; Lucinda, born April 11, 1901; Gladys M., born Oct. 12, 1903; Oscar M., born Feb. 3, 1905, Edgar R., born Feb. 3, 1905.

Genealogy of Sarah (Zimmerman) DeWolf.

Issue: Paul F., born April 28, 1898; Adeline C., born Sept. 20, 1901; John A., born Feb. 9, 1903; Robert E., born Feb. 6, 1913.

Genealogy of John Countryman, Son of Conrad 3d.

Born in Herkimer county, N. Y., Nov. 7, 1807. Married Nellie Christmas. Both died near Clarion, Iowa, she in July, 1888, and he in 1892 or 1893. Children: Katy M., Mary A., Nicholas V., Lawrence, Henry, Nathan, Nancy A., James, William, Martha, Isaac, Sarah A., and Adelia. The last named married Ervin Countryman, youngest son of Solomon Countryman, her father's cousin. Ervin was a veteran. John and his cousin, Solomon, came west by lake to Illinois in the early forties. Nicholas V. wed Children: O. E. C., of Canova, S. Dak., has four boys; Mrs. Mary Hollis, of Hudson, Iowa; Nate A. C., of Wyoming, Ia., and

John C., Wyoming, Ia. The last named wed Ella; children: D. C., W. E., O. E. and C. R. Dr. C. has two boys, Raymond and Wilbur. W. E. an dwife, Mary, have three girls: Ruby, Lenora and Leola. O. E. and wife, Sophia, have one girl: Helen Maria. C. R. and wife, Inez, have two boys: John Jr. and Cecil. C. R. C. was in the World War. Harold Countryman, of Wyoming, Iowa, was also in the World War.

Nancy A. Countryman, daughter of John, was born in Herkimer county, N. Y., Sept. 12, 1834, and died at Laporte City, Iowa, Jan. 24, 1924. She married Cyrus Taft. Children: Oliva, Eva, Mary, Ida, Orville and Charles Wesley

Sarah A., daughter of John, wed Charles M. Carr, at Hicks Mills, Ill., Oct., 1865, and died at Laporte City, Iowa, March 3, 1917. Mrs. Julia E. McClure, of Iowa City, Iowa, is a daughter.

Frederick, son of Conrad 2nd, wed Ablonia Hauss, Nov. 24, 1792. Issue: Conrad, born May 9, 1796; Catharine, born July 7, 1800; Margaretha, born Aug. 6, 1803.

Henry Conterman, son of Conradt 2nd, was born in Revolutionary times. He married Sally Conklin, Dec. 3, 1793 His children were: Henry Jr., born Aug. 1794; Frederick, born Dec. 8, 1795; Thomas, born ———; Anna, born October 15, 1802; Nancy, born ———; Louisa, born ———. Henry Jr's children were: Andrew, Joel, Aaron and Harry. Andrew's children were: John, Ellsworth, Mary and Clark A., John and Ellsworth, both dead. Mary lives at Broadalbin, N. Y. Joel was a soldier in the Civil War. His children were: Harry, George, Analiza and Louise (twins), and Mate. Harry had one son, Samuel. Clark A., son of Andrew, married Thankful Soules and is now living in Minden, Montgomery county, N. Y. No issue.

Frederick, second son of Henry, of Conrad 2d, was born Dec. 18, 1795. 'Tis said he went in an early day to Potawotomie Nation, Kansas, and became quite wealthy.

Thomas Countryman, son of Henry, son of Conrad 2d, was born at St. Johnsville, Montgomery county, N. Y. He wed Katherine Dygert, of Minden in 1833. Children of this union were: Aromintha, wed Joseph Fish: Katharine

wed Wm. J. Frank; Martha married Byron Holbrook; Helen married Wm. Fowler; Maria married Philemon Wicks. Seymour lived at Plainwell, Mich., and died at the age of 96; and William B. Countryman, who was a Civil War veteran. By his second marriage he had three daughters: Francis, Vashti and Nora. Second marriage to Miss Julia Spaulsbury occurred in 1864. Thomas Countryman moved to Wisconsin in 1854, was a lock tender on the Erie canal for thirteen years and held several offices in the town of Minden. He resided two miles south of Princeton, Wis. In politics was an ardent Democrat and a warm friend of Ex-Governor Horatio Seymour, of New York, who visited him in his Wisconsin home. He died April 13, 1878, from the effects of burns received while extinguishing flames that were consuming the clothing of his youngest daughter, Nora. He was buried according to the rites of the Masonic order, of which he was a Royal Arch, also a member of the Temple of Honor.

Arthur P. Wicks, of 114 North Winnebago St., Rockford, Ill., is a son of the above Philemon and Maria Countryman Wicks. Arthur Philip Wicks. born 1869, married Rose Rock, June 27, 1907. Issue: Rosemary, born July 19, 1908.

Jacob Countryman, Son of Henry, Son of Conrad 2d.

Jacob Countryman, born in Montgomery county, N. Y., June 9, 1805, wed ——— Walrath. She was born in Pennsylvania, Jan. 13, 1814. They were married Feb. 20, 1831, moved to Ottawa, Ill., June 6, 1845, thence to Pontiac, Ill., April 8, 1864. He died Nov. 6, 1883 and his wife died Aug. 7, 1882. Family of thirteen children, six boys and seven girls: Nelson, born July 11, 1832; Catharine, born April 17, 1834; Almira, born April 2, 1836; Rebecca, born Dec. 14. 1837; Annatta, born Oct. 19, 1839; Mariah, born April 6, 1841; Sarah Jane, born Sept. 9, 1842; Mary M., born Aug. 1845; James, born March 12, 1847; George, born Sept. 29, 1850; John Wesley, born Sept. 5, 1859; Franklin, born April

23, 1853; Henry, born June 12, 1855. The father nor five of his boys neither drank or used tobacco.

Antonius Countryman, youngest son of Conrad 2d, wed Anna ———. Issue: Anthony (Tone), born Sept. 18, 1804; Magdalena, born Jan. 18, 1806; Maria, born Sept. 3, 1807; Anna, born March 6, 1809; David, born Feb. 28, 1811; Henry, born 1813; Isaac, born Jan. 15, 1815.

Henry Countryman, son of Anthony, born 1813, had three sons: Henry, John, Abram, and two girls, Catharine and Amelia. Henry lived and died in the town of Stark, Herkimer county, N. Y. Abram moved to Jefferson county, N. Y., where he reared a large family. Catharine (Kate), wed Charley Etherton; children: Thomas, Amelia, Emma, Alexander. Charles.

Thomas Etherton, dead; children: Mary, Margaret, Daniel, Clarence. Amelia Etherton wed Almarin Cotton, dead; children: Fred, Earl, Bert. Bert was killed in the World War. Emma Etherton's children: Herman, Lena, Fred and Charles. Alexander Etherton's children: Charles, Lena, Reba, Hannah, Carrie, Levi, William. Charley Etherton was a Civil War soldier and died in Nebraska.

Isaac Countryman, son of Antonius (Anthony), the youngest son of Conrad 2d, was born in the Mohawk valley Jan. 15, 1815, and moved to Varick, Senaca county, N. Y. He reared a large family and lived to be about 90 years old. Some of his sons were: John, Andrew, Martin Jr., Gideon and George. The last named moved to Garfield, Kansas. There were two daughters: Kate and Betsy. Martin, son of Isaac was born in Varick, Mrach 21, 1836, and died at Clinton, Mich., May 25, 1910. He was twice married and a veteran of the Civil War. Some of his sons were: George, Martin Jr. and Charles G. Had two daughters: Ida C. Marlatt, of Detroit, who has one son, Harold, married, with two small children, and Mrs. Campbell, of Denver, Colo. Martin Jr's children are: Walter J., of Jackson, Mich., no issue; Paul D., Howard L., Clio B., and Maud. Charles G., son of Martin, Sr., lives at Ferndale, Mich., is married and has one son, Edward Walter.

Abram Countryman, son of Henry, of Antonius, was

born in the Mohawk valley, had three sons: John S., Henry and Abraham. John S. has a sister, Elmira Zeller, of Theresa. N. Y., and a brother, Duane, at Ramsen, N. Y. Charles Countryman, son of John S. Countryman, son of Abraham, had children, viz.: Ed, of Watertown, N. Y.; Perl, Leon, Paul, Charles S., of Illion, N. Y.; Mrs. Wm. Dailey, of Remsden, N. Y.; Mrs. James Wardell, of Carthage; Eva and Ethel, of Barneveld, N. Y. Charles S., of Illion, N. Y., has two girls, aged 13 and 8.

Genealogy of Jacob, 5th Son

Jacob Contreman, the 5th son of Conradt 1st, had three sons: Conrad, Jacob and John. Conrad and Jacob were loyal to the colonies and served as soldiers in the Revolutionary War. Jacob, the father, was a "Loyalist" to England, (Tory), and after the war went to Canada - this youngest son, John, going with him. Jacob Jr. was a Revolutionary pensioner and died in Middleburg, Schoharie county, N. Y., in 1825. After the war Conrad went to Canada. He was by trade a blacksmith and bell-maker. Family consisted of four sons and two daughters: Jacob, Peter, William, John, Katie and Mary.

Peter Countryman, son of Conrad, of Jacob, of Conradt 1st, was born in Canada, Jan. 15, 1803, and died Aug. 29, 1872, at Stylesville, Iowa. He wed Margaret Nicholas, July 11, 1823, at Buffalo, N. Y. She was born in Maine, May 20, 1807, and died at Moville, Iowa, May 19, 1888. Children: Horace, born Sept. 8, 1824; Lewis, horn April 15, 1826; Alexander, born Feb. 19, 1828; Eli, born Feb. 17, 1830; Sarah born June 8, 1832; Margaret, born Oct. 6, 1834; Lewis 2d, born Feb. 27, 1837; John, born March 31, 1839; Dennis, born June 29, 1841; George W., born Aug. 1, 1843; Andrew J., born July 6, 1846. All of this family were born in Ohio except Andrew J., who was born in Wisconsin. Peter, the father was Colonel of Militia at Cleveland, Ohio in 1837.

Names of Horace Countryman's Children and Addresses.

Margaret Quinn, Columbus, Montana; Daniel Countryman, now dead; Lizzie Woody, Missula, Montana; Henry Countryman, now dead; Rebecca Reevs, Columbus, Montana; Rosie Countryman, now dead; Horace Countryman, died Jan. 15, 1898 at Columbus, Montana.

Names of Alexander Countryman's Children and Addresses.

Alexander Countryman, Roundup, Montana; George Countryman, now dead; Katie Albertson, living somewhere in Idaho.

Names of Eli Countryman's Children and Addresses.

Emily Black, San Francisco, 907 Valenca St., Sylvester Apts.; Joseph Countryman, Chico, Calif.; Charlie Countryman, Oroville, Calif.; Peter Countryman, now dead; Maud Countryman, now dead.

Names of Lewis Countryman's Children.

Adelbert, now dead; Alexander, dead; Leona Pence, Rapid City, S. Dak.; Horace, Coleridge, Nebr.; George, Chicago, Ill.; Nellie, dead.

Names of Dennis Countryman's Children.

Ida Menter, dead; Rosie, dead; Clarence C.; dead; Sylvia, Ipswich, S. Dak.; Lawrence, Webster, S. Dak.; Pearl Cloud, Ipswich, S. Dak.

Sarah Countryman, daughter of Peter, died Nov. 14, 1835. Lewis A. died Jan. 12, 1836. Margaret died Aug. 17, 1845, in Wisconsin. George W. Dec. 29, 1861, in California. John died April 12, 1862, in California. Eli died April 30, 1880, in California. Alexander died Dec. 19, 1906, in Columbus, Montana.

A.J. Countryman, Son of Peter, Son of Conrad, Son of Jacob, Son of Conrad 1st.

A J. Countryman born July 6, 1846, in Wiseonsin, and Sabrina Adair, born Oet. 9, 1853, in Iowa, were married Dee. 31, 1874, at Shell Rock, Iowa. To them were born: Mable Countryman, June 12, 1876, at Shell Roek, Ia.; Edith Josephine Countryman, born Nov. 22, 1879, in Ida eounty, Iowa; William A. Countryman, born Aug. 4, 1882, in Ida county, Iowa; A. Leonard Countryman, born Aug. 18, 1885, in Moville, Iowa; J. D. Countryman, born March 11, 1888, at Moville, Iowa, a World War soldier; C. E. Countryman, born May 23, 1890, at Moville, Iowa, died Nov. 23, 1918; Lillian Countryman, born May 26, 1892, at Moville, Iowa; D. B. Countryman, born Sept. 18, 1896, at Moville, Iowa.

Mabel, daughter of A. J. and Sabrina Countryman, married R. J. Rhue, Nov. 27, 1902, at Moville, Ia. Issue: Esther, born Sept. 23, 1903, in Moville, Ia; Robt. Rhue, born Dec. 30, 1904, at Moville, Ia; Charley A., born Feb. 13, 1906, at Moville, Ia.

W. A. Countryman wed Mrs. Eva Hooper, July 27, 1913, at Moville, Ia. No heirs.

C. E. Countryman wed Susie Sehaeffer, Feb. 26, 1914, in Sioux City, Ia. Issue: Ardell, born May 3, 1915, at Moville, Ia.

Edith Josephine Countryman died Sunday, Oct. 8, 1882, in Ida county, Iowa, at the age of two years ten months and sixteen days.

A. J. Countryman, now 1925, lives in Moville, Iowa. When a lad of fifteen, in 1861, went with his father and some brothers on overland trip to California. Returned in 1866 by way of Panama to New York, thence baek to Iowa.

Jacob, the 5th son of Conrad, had three sons: Jacob, Conradt and John. Jaeob termed himself a United Empire Loyalist—our fathers called him a "Tory." His sons, Jaeob and Conrad, were loyal to the eause of independence. Jacob was a pensioner in 1825, and died later at Middleburg, Schoharie eounty, N. Y. John, the youngest son, after the war, settled with his father in the Ottawa Val., Stormout eounty, Canada. He had one son, Martin, born in 1818 and died in 1882. He wed Ann West. Issue: Herman, John, Thomas, William and Jaeob.

Herman, born 1844 and died 1874, married Margaret MeConkey. Issue: Annis M. John, William, Elizabeth, Thomas, Rachael, Albert and Frank. All were born in Hastings county, Ontario. John, Albert and Raehael are still living, May, 1923. Annis M. married Mrs. W. E. Windover. Issue: John Edgar and Geoorge Herman. John Edgar was born in 1870. He married Charlotte E. Cooper. Issue: Helen, born 1896; John E., born 1899, died 1904; Mary Elizabeth, born 1905; Lester, born 1906 and Edith, born 1913. George Herman, son of Annis M., wed Eva Pope. Issue: George Maxwell, born 1908; Margaret, born 1911, and Thomas, born 1914. John Edgar Countryman graduated in 1893 at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, with the degree M.D.C.M., and later in 1914 reeeived degree F.A.C.S. (Fellow Amerieaan College of Surgeons.) Enlisted in the World War, Jan. 1918. Honorably diseharged May 1919. Served in Franee with Evacuation Hospital No. 18, rank of Major. Dr. John E. is praeticing medieine at Grafton, N. Dak. Frank (deceased), youngest son of Herman McConkey Countryman, had four sons and two girls: Chesley, Howard, Harkness, Ray, Jean and Morna. The first three sons and daughter, Jean, live at Tweed, Ontario, Canada; Ray, at Holland, Manitoba, Canada, and Morna, at Winnepeg, Canada.

Ulster County, New York.

In the U. S. census in 1790 there were three families of Countrymans: Mathew, Frederick and Hendrick. There were three brothers born in Ulster county the last years of the 18th century: John, Henry and Cornelius. Cornelius, the youngest, was born March 21, 1799; his father died when Cornelius was six years old and he was bound out to an uncle, Fred ("Fade.") Cornelius Countryman had three sons: John Watkins, Henry and Elias. All of these sons were in the Civil War, from Wisconsin. Cornelius Countryman died in S. Dakota, Nov. 1881. B. W. Countryman, son of John Watkins, was born in Grant county, Wisconsin, Feb. 28, 1867. His mother died when he was six years old and he never had a home until he was married to Alice Elizabeth Parkhurst, May 5, 1888. Issue: five children: Raymond Hugh, born May 27, 1889; Lydia Gertrude, born Nov. 28, 1890, died Mareh 1, 1891; Olive Florence, born Nov. 21, 1894; Frederick Neil, born Oct. 12, 1901, and Edna, born Aug. 2, 1903, died Nov. 21, 1904. Hugh Raymond wed Mamie Harris in 1907, have two boys and two girls: Eileen, Bertram, Harris and Edna. They live in Colome, S. Dak., and operate a garage. Olive Florence wed Paul J. Guerney, in 1918. They have two boys: Raymond and James, ages six and four. They reside in Stockton, Calif. Frederick Neil wed Anna Altenhoffer in 1920. They have a boy two years old and a baby girl: Douglas and Rita May. They reside at Roswell, S. Dak., operating one of my company's elevators.

B. W. Countryman's early life was on a farm and the last 25 years he was engaged in the grain business. He is treasurer of the Horse & Lueth Grain Co., Spencer, S. Dak.

It is very evident that Hendrick (Henry), was the father of John, Henry and Cornelius, and the uncle "Fade" (Fred), is the Frederick mentioned in the 1790 census, and that they with the Mathew mentioned in that census, were the sons of the Fred mentioned in the Marbletown church record, and the grandsons of our earliest ancestor, John Frederick.

This Mathew, son of Fred, mentioned in the Marbletown church records and also in census, we think, was the father of a Peter R., and a Fred we have records of through a Walter Countryman, of Hudson, Columbia, county, N. Y.

Peter R. had three sons: Louis, Nathan and William H. Fred had three sons: John, Silas and George. Nathan is now living at High Falls, Ulster county, N. Y. Silas is living at Coesoekie, N. Y. Wm. H. had three sons: Walter, Wm. H. and Peter R. Peter R. has a son, Peter R. Wm. H. has a son, Ralph.

Soli Deo Gloria

Genealogy of John, 6th Son

Family record of Johannes Contermann, translated from the German into the English:

Johannes Conterman, born in the year of Jesus Christ, at Cana Johoarry (Canajoharie), on the 2d day of Mareh, 1736, and his wife, Raehel, nee Riehard, born in Stone Arabia, October 29, 1733.

In the year of our Lord Christ, 1758, on the 4th day of March, we were united in marriage and during the course of years, following children were born to us:

A daughter named Lea, born November 26, 1758; a daughter Margretha, born February 20, 1760; a daughter, Rachel, born August 10, 1761; a daughter, Dorothea, born August 1, 1762, however, she only lived till July 21, 1767; a son named Nicolas (Nichalos), born February 2, 1764; a daughter named Catharina, born July 21, 1765; a daughter named Susanna, born November 1, 1766; a son named Johannes, born February 12, 1768; a daughter named Magdalena, born August 18, 1769; a daughter named Maria, born September 15, 1771; a son named Abraham, born March 31, 1773; a son named Benjamin, born September 15, 1775, but he only lived till the 13th day of December, 1776.

On February 28, 1787 my wife, Rachael, passed out of this life, and two years later her husband, Johannes Contermann followed her into eternal rest.

Lea Countryman Embody, eldest child of John, of Conrad, was born in Minden, Montgomery county, Nov. 26, 1758; wed John Embody. Issue: Henry, John, Abram, Daniel, David, George, and two daughters: Catharine and Leah. Catharine wed ——— Knouts. Leah wed ——— Patten. Issue: two daughters. The whereabouts of the Embody posterity is unknown.

Margaretha Countryman Snyder, born Feb. 2, 1760, wed Capt. John Snyder. Issue: Daniel, John, Abraham, Benjamin, Jacob, Lany, Susan, Margaret, Catharine and Mary. Daniel lived and reared a family in the town of Stark, Herkimer county, with whom his mother, a Revolutionary pensioner, lived, (1840), age, 80 years.

Lany Snyder Wendell, daughter of Margaretha Coun tryman Snyder, had five sons: John I., Rev. Jonas, Atty. Jacob, who practiced law at Fort Plain, N. Y.; Atty. William, who practiced law at Coperstown, N. Y.; Capt. N. O. Wendell, a graduate of Hanover College, Ind., and professor in West Winfield Academy when he enlisted in the Ellsworth 44th N. Y. Reg. as a private, but was soon promoted to a Captaincy of the 121st N. Y. Reg., and fell in death, May 3, 1863, leading his comrades in a hotly contested battle near Fredericksburg, Va. Other prominent characters of the Wendell posterity, were Rev. Rufus Wendell, who died in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. Harvey Wendell, who lived and died in Albany, N. Y.; Charles, for a number of years Assistant Treasurer of the New York and Hudson River R. R. C.; Emory, a banker, and John, a manufacturer, of Detroit, Mich.; Nathan Wendell, president of fthe Merchants Natiional Bank, Albany, N. Y., also Co. treasurer of Albany county, N. Y., and treasuruer of the state of New York; Wellington Wendell, proprietor of the Mohawk Valley Register and later connected with the Albany Evening Journal, also author of a collection of peoms, title "Leisure Hours"; Benjamin Wendell, who was a commissioned Captain by Gov. Seymour of the 138th Reg. Inft., and later commissioned Colonel of the same regiment by Gov. Stewart. A few years since, three sons of Benjamin were living in Fort Plain: James, a baggage master for the N. Y. Cen. R. R. Co.; F. F., attorney-at-law and tax superintendent of West Shore and N. Y. Cen. R. R. companies, and Hon. John D., ex-judge and surrogate of Montgomery county and also since 1885 attorney for the West Shore R. R. Co. John D. and F. F., (1923), are still living at Fort Plain, N. Y.

Rachel, the daughter and third child of John, of Conrad, born Aug. 10, 1761, died single.

Dorothea, daughter and 4th child of John, of Conrad, born Aug. 1, 1762, died single.

Nicholas, the oldest son and 5th child of John, of Conrad, born Feb. 2, 1764, wed Christina Oathout. Issue: John N., Nicholas Jr, Betscy, Rachel, Mary, Susan and Anna

John N., 1812 soldier, born 17—, wed Anna ———. Issue: David, Benjamin, Anna, Peter and Nicholas (twins); David, born Feb. 2, 1810, issue: two sons, Jeremiah P., born Nov. 17, 1837, died April 21, 1918, soldier in Civil War; and John W., born Sept. 21, 1848.

Benjamin, born Aug. 12, 1811, had two sons and one daughter. David, the one son, lives at Syracuse, N. Y.

Peter had three sons: David, of Rome, N. Y.; Harvey, deceased, and Charles.

Nicholas had one son, George, deceased, who had one son, Earnest G., Syracuse, N. Y.

Jeremiah P. and John W. were both born in Lee, Oneida county, N. Y.

Fred A. Countryman, son of John W., born in Middleville, Herkimer county, N. Y., Oct. 31, 1877.

Frank W. Countryman, born in Middleville, Herkimer county, N. Y.

Stanley Fred, son of Frank W., born in Whitesboro, Oneida county, N. Y., Jan. 23, 1903.

Nicholas Jr., born Jan. 1, 1800, died in 1873. Married Betsey Eckler, born 1800, died 1881. Issue :Jacob, Mary Ann, Nicholas 3r, Lydia, who died when two years old; Nehemiah, Asa, Caroline, Alfred, Paul, Elizabeth and Eliza. Jacob, eldest son of Nicholas Jr., born March 25, 1817, wed

Nancy Hayes. Issue: seven children, Delos, born Oct. 27, 1839, wed Mrs. Addie Gage, died Jan. 17, 1912, in Dallas, Texas, no issue; Ira, was Civil War soldier in Co. B., Baker's 1st Reg., N. Y. Volunteers; Jerome, was Civil War soldier in same regiment and died of disease. Ira was never heard of after the war; Romaine, Rozellen, Bertha, Rozetta. Romaine had three sons: Jay, Seward, Guy. Jay had two sons; Reymond and Kenneth. Seward, no issue. Guy, three children: Romaine, Stanley, Sylphia. Rozellen wed Henry Dunteman, of Little Falls, N. Y. Issue: George, Ora, Susan, Matie. George Dunteman, now of Little Falls, N. Y., wed Bernice Freeman; issue: H. F. Dunteman, born Dec. 5, 1905; Caroline, born Sept. 19, 1911.

Ellen, daughter of Jacob, wed W. C. Stewart, of 969 Carbon St., Syracuse, N. Y. Still living in 1925.

Rozetta, the youngest daughter, wed a Mr. Carter, of St. Johnsville, N. Y. Still living, 1923.

Mary Ann, oldest daughter of Nicholas Jr., wed first husband, Dewitt Richardson, issue: three sons, living, Henry, Leroy, Julius, of South Lynn, Mich.

Nehemiah, son of Nicholas Countryman, Jr., (one of triplets), had seven children: Mary E., D. Emily, Orein S., Garrett S., Charles, Flora, Addie. Garrett S., now of Flint, Mich. has one son, Everett H., who has four children: Cecil, Margaurite, Eldon, Lyle.

Genealogy of John Countryman, of Conrad 1st

Issue: John, born March 31, 1736, died 1789, (Montomery county, N. Y.) Married a Miss Richards at Stone Arabia, N. Y., April 25, 1758. Issue: Nicholas 1st, born Feb. 17, 1764, died 1843. Married Christina Oathout. Issue: Nicholas 2d, born Jan. 1, 1800, died 1873. Married Elizabeth Eckler, 1800, died 1881. Issue: Nicholas 3d.

Extensive contractor and builder from 1852; came to New Haven in 1846.

Countryman, Nicholas, born in Stark, Herkimer county, N. Y., October 24, 1825, died in New Haven, Conn., Jan. 30, 1909. Married Hine, Louise Talmage, in Cheshire, Conn., April 30, 1848. She was born in Cheshire, Conn., May 8, 1825, died at New Haven, Conn., Jan. 23, 1909. Children: Franklin, born Sept. 23, 1849; William Arthur, born July 4, 1852; Charles Lewis, born Jan. 16, 1855; Edwin, born December 29, 1857; Louisa, born Oct. 26, 1860; Robert Eugene, born Feb. 18, 1865; Stella Elsie, born April 20, 1869, died March 19, 1870.

Nicholas Countryman's father was Nicholas Countryman, and his mother, Elizabeth Eckler, of ———, N. Y.

Louise Talmage Hine's father was Hezekiah Hine, and her mother, Abigail A. Talmage.

Countryman, Rev. Franklin, Yale '70, now pastor of the Congregational Church, East Haddam, Conn. Married Mary I. Pickett, of New Haven, Conn., Dec. 26, 1870. She died without issue, in Prespect, Conn., Aug. 24, 1877. He then married Ella S. Butricks, of New Haven, Conn., Nov. 18, 1880. Issue: Ella May, born Nov. 9, 1882.

She was reporter and editor of newspapers in New Haven and Hartford, Conn.; State and U. S. statistician for 25 years, retired July 3, 1922.

Countryman, William Arthur, married Mary A. Perry, of New Haven, Conn., Dec. 23, 1784. Issue: Emeline, born in New Haven, April 28, 1882; W. Arthur, Jr., born in Hartford, Nov. 16, 1884. Emeline married Arthur Edwin Hodgson, of New Haven, (Yale Sheff. 03), in Washington,

D. C., May 20, 1908, (is assistant treasurer Winchester Repeating Arms Co., New Haven, Conn. W. Arthur, Jr., (Yale '05, Harvard Law '08, member of Shipman & Goodwin, Attorneys at Law, 36 Pearl Street, Hartford, Conn. Clerk of Enrgossed Bills, Connecticut State Legislature, 1923; having held various other clerkships of the Connecticut Legislature.) Married Charlotte Whiting Burton in Hartford, Conn., June 24, 1916. Issue: W. Arthur 3d, born Aug. 17, 1917; Louise, born Jan. 24, 1921; Janet, born Jan. 28, 1923.

Charles Lewis Countryman, carpenter and builder, New Haven, Conn.

Irving N. Countryman, born Aug. 13, 1883, and son of Charles Louis Countryman and Louisa Josephine Mann Countryman. Birthplace, New Haven. Both parents are living. Graduated from Yale College in 1905, being a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Chi Rho fraternity. Was in the graduate school of Yale University from 1905 to 1907, receiving an M. A. degree in 1906. For fifteen years had taught in New Haven high school, and was head of the history department most of that period. This year is teaching in the Department of Education at Yale University. On July 7, 1909, was married to Elsie Minnie Tischer. Have one son, Arthur Irving, born October 24, 1915.

Edwin Countryman, carpenter and builder, New Haven, Conn. Married Martha R. Barnett, Sept. 29, 1880. No issue.

Louisa Countryman, now of White Plains, N. Y. Married Elliott H. Wright, at New Haven, Nov. 24, 1892. He is an expert tobacco salesman, Maiden Lane, N. Y. City. Issue: Sarah Louise, born May 13, 1894; Elliott Howell 2d, born March 26, 1896, saw service in the World War with the marines, 2d Div. A. E. F., from Chateau Thierry to Coblenz, three times decorated for distinguished service under fire; Vera Josephine, born Jan. 25, 1901. Sarah Louise married John Henry Meyer, an accountant, of New York City, April 30, 1914. Issue: Adele Louise, born Dec. 15, 1914.

Robert Eugene Countryman, carpenter and builder, New Haven, Conn. Married Lida Richards, June 2, 1886.

Issue: Robert Nicholas, born May 31, 1887, was in the 2d Conn. Infantry, U. S. A., on the Mexican border in 1916, and with the headquarters detachment (corporal) 12th Div. U. S. A. at Camp Devens, Mass., during the World War; Bertha Louise, born Nov. 23, 1888; Mildred, born Feb. 3, 1890. Bertha Louise married John A. Temple, (born at Richmond, Vt.,) in New Haven on Jan. 12, 1910. Mr. Temple is now attached to the clerical force at the headquarters of the Brotherhood of National Trainmen at Cleveland, Ohio. Issue: John A. Jr., born Aug. 20, 1910; Virginia Lee, born Dec. 9, 1912; Robert Eugene, born April 5, 1915; Richard Cannon, born Nov. 16, 1916; Lorraine Dorothy, born Dec. 17, 1918; Martah Caroline, born Dec. 17, 1920.

Asa, son of Nicholas Jr., born in Herkimer county, N. Y., wed first wife, Lizzie Putnam. Issue: four children, a daughter, Ella Pickering, address El Paso, Texas; 2d marriage, two sons: Burton and Carl. Asa was a Congregational minister and lived much of his life in Iowa, where he died. He attended the first Countryman reunion held in the west, in 1902 at Rochelle, Ill., the only representative of the Nicholas clan of John, of Conrad. He is in group cut of 1902.

Caroline, daughter of Nicholas Jr., wed John H. Cronkhite. Issue: two children, both died young. Family is buried in Mt. Hope cemetery at Minden, (Fords Bush), New York.

Alfred, son of Nicholas Jr., born in Stark, Herkimer county, N. Y. Wed Alvira Sweatland. No issue. Last known place of residence, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Paul, son of Nicholas Jr., wed Elizabeth Washburn. Issue: two sons: Darwin and Herschel, living at Flint, Mich. Soldier in Civil War. Died at Fort Plain, N. Y.

Elizabeth, daughter of Nicholas Jr., born in Herkimer county, N. Y., April 29, 1836, wed P. G. Cummings on Feb. 26, 1866. Moved to Iowa Feb., 1867. Issue: Alma E., Lester N., and Ida May. Alma E. wed John Cunningham and lives at Horton, Iowa. Lester wed Augusta Buchuster and lives on the home farm near Horton. Ida May wed Joe

Alcock, and lives at Fredericka, Iowa. Mrs. Cummings died July 16, 1924, in her 89th year. She had two grandchildren: Mrs. Vera Thompson, of Gracemount, Okla., and Craig Alcock, of Fredericka, Iowa. Also five great-grandchildren: Kenneth, Pauline, Alva and Donald Thompson, of Oklahoma. Mr. Cummings died March 29, 1823.

Eliza, youngest daughter of Nicholas Jr., wed Alonzo Sanders. No issue. Died April 17, 1822, at St. Johnsville, New York.

Nicholas Jr. and family were born and reared in Herkimer county, N. Y. The father and sons: Paul and Alfred, were masons by trade. The parents' later years were spent in the town of Danube and at Minden (Fords Bush), Montgomery county, N. Y. Their final resting place is Mt. Hope cemetery, Fords Bush, N. Y.

Betsey, oldest daughter of Nicholas 1st, married Hazzard Steadman, Sept. 14, 1806.

Rachel, second daughter of Nicholas 1st, wed Johna than Pickard.

Mary Countryman Roof, third daughter of Nicholas, of John, of Conrad, married John Roof, of the town of Stark, Herkimer county, N. Y. Issue: Christian, David, Solomon, Fanny and Mary. Christian wed Betsey Shaver. Issue: one son, Anson, deceased. David wed Mary Walrath, daughter of Adolph Walrath, of the town of Stark. They had one son, Cola, who lives on the old homestead and has four children: Earl, Florence, Russell and Mildred. Mother's maiden name, Alice Getman. Russell wed Gratia L. Young, Dec 24, 1824. Solomon Roof wed Nancy Walrath, also daughter of Adolph Walrath. Issue: Alice, who died at the age of 11 years, and Seward, who died at 24. Fanny, the older daughter of John Roof, wed Wm. Wormuth. Issue: four sons, Amos, John, George and Ezra. Mary, the younger daughter, wed Nicholas Casler as second wife. No issue.

Susan, fourth daughter of Nicholas, of John, of Conrad, wed George Moyer.

Ann, fifth daughter of Nicholas, of John, of Conrad, wed Jacob Shaul. Issue: Solomon, who wed Elizabeth Kel-

ler. Issue: a Mrs. W. W. Crannell, of Albany, N. Y., reputed a writer and lecturer of note.

Catharine, sixth child of John, of Conrad, born July 21, 1765, wed Henry Smith. Issue: Benjamin, David, Jesse, Nelson and Rachel. No knowledge where these are—lost in the multitude of Smiths.

Susanna, seventh child of John, of Conrad, born Nov. 1, 1766, wed John Augsbury. Issue: David, John, Abram, Benjamin, Nicholas, Daniel and Betsey, who married Conrad Roof. Susan married Richard Shimel Rachel married Wm. Youngs. Margaret married Martin Kennedy. Nancy married John Gould. Katy Married Peter Bowman. John Augsbury, Sr. came to the Mohawk valley, N. Y., from the Palatinate Bavaria about 1750, to escape war. This family moved from the Mohawk valley to Pamelia, Jefferson county, N. Y., about 1812. David, eldest son, wed Betsey Countryman, daughter of John George, son of Lieut. George, of Conrad. John wed Bernice Ballard. Issue: nine children, six girls and three boys. Boys' names: Jackson, Byron and Hiram. Abram, third son, wed Christina Countryman, daughter of John George, of George, of Conrad. Nicholas, the fifth son of John and Susanna Augsbury, had a son, Morgan, who reared a family of three sons and one daughter in Jefferson county. In 1868 h epurchased a flouring mill at Antwerp, and moved thence from Alexandria township. In 1884, he changed the mill from the common to the roller process. The mill was run by water, and had the capacity of 80 barrels per day. Children's names were: Frank A. Augsbury, now of Ogdensburg, N. Y.; John C., who resides in San Francisco, Calif; Willard S. and a sister, Gertrude Amanda, now residing at Antwerp. The sons have no issue and the daughter unmarried. Willard S. wife's maiden name was Mary Ellis, born April 25, 1863, and died June 17, 1920. Willard S. was born in Alexandria township, August 31, 1858. At the age of twelve he removed with his family to Antwerp, where he has since resided. He was educated at Ives Seminary, Phillips Exeter Academy, and attended Yale University one year. He served in the New

York State Assembly during the years 1915-16-17 and is now State Senator from the 37th Senatorial District. Mr. Augsbury is interested in farming and banking.

Daniel, the youngest son of John and Susanna Augsbury, moved from the Mohawk valley in 1812. At the age of twenty he married Mary, daughter of Conrad Shimel. Upon the death of his father, in Pamelia township, he became the owner of his farm. Issue: seven children, 5 girls and three boys.

The progeny of John and Susanna Countryman Angsbury in Jefferson county, have been quite numerous and successful farmers.

Johannes (John I. Sr.), eighth child, born Feb. 12, 1768. Issue: Isaac, Mary, Catharine, Elizabeth, John I. Jr., David, Rachael, Nancy, Peter, Daniel and Moses. The genealogy of these families are complete in Part I.

Magdalena, ninth child of John, of Conrad, born August 18, 1769, wed Sabastion Shaul, Feb. 9, 1789. Sabastian Shaul was born in 1766 or 1777. Was kidnapped by Indians near VanHornesville, N. Y., in the 1780 raid and was held captive five years. Issue: one son, John B., and a daughter, Catharine. John B. wed Elizabeth Countryman, daughter of John I. Countryman, Sr. Issue found in Part I.

Maria, tenth child of John, of Conrad, born Sept. 15, 1771. Wed Conrad Shimel. Issue: Christian and Conrad. Christian, son of Mary Countryman Shimel, wed Catharine Shaul, daughter of Sabastian and Magdalena Countryman Shaul. Issue: Sabastian, John, Nancy, Lany, Caty and Lovina. Sabastian wed Nancy Jordan. Issue :Sarah Ann, Jordan, Rufus and John. Jordan and Rufus died in 1917. John, in 1923, was living at Richfield Springs, N. Y. Sarah Ann wed George Hopkins. Nancy wed William Brown and had a daughter, Charlotte, who wed Daniel Overacker. Lany wed Plinney Willis. Issue: two sons, Walter and John. John died at Richfield Springs in 1923. Walter died at Cooperstown, N. Y., where he has a son who is a practicing attorney. Caty, daughter of Christian, died young. Lovina, youngest daughter of Christian, wed Henry Eckler. Issue: a daughter, Matilda, (Tillie), and a son, Clinton. Tillie wed Jacob Monk. Issue: oneson, Clinton, who married Florence Margaret Marks. Issue: two daughters, Dorothy and Beatrice Ella. Clinton Eckler wed Minnie Moyer, daughter of Morgan and Lovina Monk Moyer. Issue: one son, Percy, who wed Daisy Laffler. Issue: Russell, Ethel M., Robert C., and Mary Helen.

John, son of Christian Shimel, wed Maria Wagner, daughter of Felix and Leah Pickard Wagner, July 2, 1846. Issue: Leah Rose, Catharine, Minnie L. and John, Jr. Catharine and John, Jr. died in youth. John Shimel, Sr. died in the town of Stark, Herkimer county, N. Y., and is buried in the family lot on Wilsy Hill. Marie Shimel Shull died in her 90th year at her daughter's home in Creston, Ohio, where she is buried. Leah Rose, eldest daughter of John and Maria Shimel, wed George Baum in the town of Stark, Jan. 24, 1866. Issue: one daughter, Eva. Father died at Creston, Ohio, where mother and daughter now live. (1925)

Eva, daughter and only child of George and Rose Baum, was born in Herkimer county, N. Y., April 12, 1870. Wed Frank Jordan, of Creston, Ohio, Dec. 30, 1891. Issue, five children: Eloise, Clare, Corinne, Mildred and Ruth. Clare died in Florida, Jan. 22, 1900. Eloise Jordan wed Lawrence Newberry, Nov. 1, 1922. Was a successful teacher several years in northern Ohio. At present he is editor of the Creston Journal. Corinne wed Rev. Adam Hunter, July 11, 1922, of Lorain, Ohio. He was field secretary of Baldwin College, of which both are graduates, and now has a pastorate charge at South Euclid, Ohio. She has been a successful teacher for several years. Issue: Constance Elaine, born at Berea, Ohio, Aug. 17, 1923.

Minnie L., youngest daughter of John and Maria Shimel, wed Wm. Henry Keller in the town of Danube, Herkimer county, N. Y., Dec. 22, 1880, and came to Creston, Ogle county, Illinois, Feb. 24, 1881, and from there to Northwood, Iowa, March 1, 1884. To them were born three daughters, Myrtle Laura, born in Illinois, July 24, 1882; Ida May, born at Northwood, Ia., Aug. 1, 1886; Eva Clara, born at Northwood, Ia., July 11, 1892. Has worked as clerk for a

number of years at the court house and now (1924) is deputy clerk of Worth county, Iowa. Ida May wed Ralph More, Jan. 16, 1907. Issue: Wm. Glen, born May 6, 1908; Russel Clare, born June 25, 1913, died June 4, 1921; Evalyn Myrtle, born March 23, 1915, address Athboy, S. Dak. Myrtle L. Keller wed Albert F. Marshall May 18, 1915, lives at Northwood, Iowa. Mr. Keller died at Northwood, April 20, 1920. Mrs. Keller also died at Northwood, May 4, 1921. Mr. Keller was a successful butter maker in Illinois—the same a farmer in Iowa.

Abraham, of John, of Conradt 1st.

Abraham, as translated from the original German family record and called Abram I. later, was born March 31, 1773. Wed Catharine Cronse, of Minden, Montgomery county, N. Y. Issue: Abram, Phillip, John A. I., Nicholas, Solomon, Peter, Mary, Rachael, Elizabeth, Magdalena, Catharine.

Abram, born in Montgomery county, N. Y., wed a Mrs. Stoerns, was a millwright by trade and moved to Canada about 1820. Issue: two daughters, Violetta and Fidelia. Second marriage, one daughter, Helen M. Third marriage, two daughters, Melvina and Henrietta. Violet wed E. Backus and had several sons. Fidella wed A. Coats and had two girls, one lives in Canada, the other, Lillian Burrows, in Canistee, N. Y. Helen M. wed R. Biddle and lives in Bowling Green, Ky. Melvina wed J. Dibble and had several boys, and died in Indiana.

Phillip went with his brother, Abram, to Port Rowan, Canada. Wed a MissFick. Issue: Abram and Jane. Jane married James Anderson. Issue: one boy and one girl. Abram and Phillip, brothers, and sons of Abram, of John, of Conrad, both died at Port Rowan, Canada. John A. I., son of Abram I., was born June 1, 1802, in what is now the town of Stark, Herkimer county, N. Y. When a lad of fourteen he worked on a farm, later digging on the Erie canal, and worked some at wheelwright and mason trades. Was a

great sufferer from asthma and could not lie in bed for twenty years or more. By economy and good management, accumulated a farm in Steuben county, N. Y., of 150 acres and a few hundred dollars when he died at the age of 76½ years. He embraced the Christian religion in his early married life and became a member of the M. E. church. He wed Lany Snyder, Aug. 24, 1825. Issue: Louisa Melvine, (Mrs. June); Catharine Maria, (Mrs. Walrath); Addison, Abram F., Marion Helen, (Mrs. House); J. Benson, Margaret Elizabeth, (Mrs. Bateman); Emma J., (Mrs. Boyer.)

Louisa Countryman June had four boys and one girl. They live at Canisteo, N. Y. Youngest son an artist at Addison, N. Y.

Maria Countryman Walrath had three boys and one girl. Live at Jasper, Steuben county, N. Y.

Addison, oldest son of John A. I., wed Ursula Stuart. Had six children: Alice wed H. White, has two boys, live in Rochester, N. Y.; Emily, deceased; Belle wed Wm. Preston, railroad superintendent, lives in Tennessee, has a girl and two boys; Anna wed a farmer, lives in Pennsylvania, has a large family of boys and girls; Reuben Leroy wed Helena W. Gilbert, Dec. 31, 1901, has oneson, Gilbert Leroy, born August 28, 1903. Reuben L. lives in Geneseo, N. Y., is professor in State Normal School. Florence wed Dr. Lochner, of Albany, N. Y., no children.

Abram F. Countryman, son of John A. I., was born in Minden, Montgomery county, N. Y., March 11, 1832. Wed Elizabeth A. Bateman, July 26, 1860. She died Oct. 22, 1922, no issue. Converted at the age of fourteen, united with the East Geneseo Conference of the M. E. church, August 1861. Retired from active ministry Oct. 1898. Lived his later years and died at Scottsburg, Livingston county, N. Y. He with his wife and sister, Mrs. C. A. Bateman, attended the first Countryman reunion at Rochelle, Ill., June, 1902.

Marion Countryman House lives at Rexville, N. Y. Had four boys and two girls. The youngest boy, David, entered a large tract of land near Alberta, Canada. Has one child. The rest of the family live in Steuben county, N. Y.

J. Benson Countryman, also a M. E. minister, had three children: Edith, deceased; Everett lives in Albany, N.Y., no issue; Onnole wed Dr. H. E. Sperry, lives at 17 Park Ave., Rochester, N. Y., no children. Rev. J. Benson and wife have same address.

Margaret Elizabeth Countryman, born in Minden, N. Y., Oct. 23, 1842, married Charles A. Bateman, June 20, 1865, and died August, 1922. Issue: Roy C., born Nov. 13, 1874, wed Daisy McDowell, and Claire, born April 1, 1879. Roy runs a Dodge garage in Danville, N. Y. Claire lives in Buffalo, N. Y., and is employed in a steel plant. Mr. Bateman at 85 is still—Oct. 24, 1924—living at Danville, N. Y.

Emma Countryman Boyer had four children: Lee, lives at Corning, N. Y. and works in the glass works; Maggie, wed Mr. Crane, superintendent of coke ovens at Lebanon, Pa.; Louisa, deceased; Lizzie married a farmer at Camron, N. Y.

Nicholas, son of Abram I., of John, of Conrad, born March 27, 1804, died in 1890. He wed Amanda Bamby, August 26, 1827. She was born in 1809 and died about 1866. Issue: Matilda, died single; Louis, died at fifteen years; Robert Emmett, and Mary Catharine.

Robert Emmett was born May 31, 1833, died Sept. 24, 1919. His wife, Mary E. MacConahey, was born Feb. 24, 1840. They were married in 1868. Issue: Carrie, born 1869, single; Clifton Louis, born 1871; Grace May, born 1872, single; Charles Orin, born 1874; Margaret Elsie, born 1876; infant son, deceased 1878; Elizabeth Eleanor, born 1880; Wilbur Emmett, born 1882.

Clifton Louis, eldest son, wed Nellie Morrill. Issue: Dale Morrill, Allen Emmett. Helen was born Feb. 13, 1921, died March 12, 1922. Charles Orin wed Alice Oliver. Issue: Dorothy Elizabeth, Orin Oliver and Ellis. Margaret Elsie Countryman wed Ralph McCullum. Issue: Ralph Kenneth and Robert. Elizabeth Eleanor Countryman wed Leonard Turner. Issue: Mary Margaret and Elizabeth, born at Schenectady, N. Y., 1920. Emmett Wilbur Countryman wed Helvise Wollen. Issue: Margaret Evelyn, Marvin, Heloise, Dorothy.

Carrie, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Emmet Countryman, has remained most of her life in the home, a faithful and helpful companion.

Grace, the second daughter, has been teacher in the public schools of Nebraska and New York, and now has charge of the public library in her home town, Weeping Water, Neb.

Clifton L., eldest son, is president of the Citizens Security Bank at Ogalalla, Neb.

Charles O., second son of Robert Emmett, lives on a 2000 acre ranch near Lewellen, Neb.

Elizabeth Eleanor, fourth daughter, lives at Schenectady, N. Y. Her husband, Leonard Turner, is in the General Electric works.

Wilbur Emmett Countryman, youngest son, owns a farm near Tekamah. Tekamah is about 35 miles north of Omaha. He lives in town for its school advantages for his three children.

Mary Catharine Countryman, daughter of Nicholas, of Abram I., born Aug. 22, 1835, wed George W. Courtwright, Dec. 25, 1856. She died at Carthage, Mo., in 1873. Issue: Clarence Lewis, born at Dixon, Ill., Oct. 16, 1857. He wed Emma Wilcoxen, April 29, 1887. Issue: Grace, Lila, Ruth, Helen, Byron and Claire.

Grace Courtright, born Feb. 14, 1888, wed Frank J. Monday, March 1, 1908. Issue: a daughter, Pauline, born Dec. 1910, and a baby, name ———.

Solomon Countryman, of Abram I., of John, of Conrad, born in town of Stark, Herkimer county, N. Y., March 22, 1808. Died in 1875, buried in family lot at Jasper, Steuben county, N. Y. Merchant, farmer and practiced law at intervals and a remarkable penman. Was married to Katharine Diefendorf, March 22, 1832, died April 20, 1836. Remarried April 20, 1837 to Jane Farquharson, died aged over 80 years. Issue: Edwin Countryman, born March 2, 1833, lawyer, district attorney of Otsego county, N. Y., register of bankruptcy, judge of supreme court and member of constitutional convention of New York state in 1894, died

June 14, 1914, married Mary Ann Thompson, of Cherry Valley, N. Y. She was born Aug. 31, 1833, died in Albany, N. Y., Dec. 9, 1897. Issue: one son, Charles, born Dec. 30, 1859. Educated a lawyer as was his father. Died in Colorado Springs, April 30, 1899, and was cremated at Troy, N. Y., May 4, 1899. He wed Grace Ingalls, March 27, 1889. Issue: Katharine Countryman, born Feb. 3, 1890, in Albany, N. Y. She is now living in Fort Plain, N. Y. Alvin Countryman, born 1834, died 1849. Jonas D., born April 8, 1836, lawyer in Chetopa, Kan. Issue: Rollin J., Walter, Arthur and Bertha. Alfred Countryman born July 21, 1839, died July 14, 1863, member of Co. D., 141st N. Y. Vol., buried in Hampton National Cemetery.

David F. Countryman, born July 26, 1841, married Emma Simpson, March 3, 1878. She died April 11, 1920, no issue.

D. F. served in Co. K, 86th N. Y. Vol. for three years, wounded at Mine Run, Va. After the war served as store keeper with New York Custom House at New York for five years, but spent most of his life on a farm.

William B. Countryman, born May 11, 1843, died in 1891. Wed Amanda Baker, of Camron, N. Y., who died in 1921 at age of 74 years. Issue: one son, Edwin W. He married Anna Belle Beach, of Seneca Falls, N. Y. She died in 1917, aged 42 years. Issue: two daughters, Pauline, the older died in 1917, aged 23 years. Bulah, the younger, wed Norman Diem, of 451 East Utica St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Edwin W's profession for a number of years was photography, later was connected with the Eastman Kodak Co. as commercial traveler for twelve years. For the last two years giving as a side line educational lectures on Indian Life.

Hannah Catharine Countryman, born Jan. 24, 1847, wed Rufus Park, who died Sept. 1872. Issue: Cora, now deceased, and Charles R., connected with the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. (Printer)

Helen E. Countryman, born April 13, 1849, died Dec. 1894. Wed Charles VanOrsdale. Issue: three sons, Clarence, John and David C.

Peter Countryman, son of Abram I., of John, of Conrad, born Sept. 10, 1810, died young.

Mary, daughter of Abram I., of John, of Conrad, wed Nicholas Shimel.

Rachael, daughter of Abram I., of John, of Conrad, died a babe.

Elizabeth, born Oct. 4, 1794, daughter of Abram I.

Magdalin, born March 11, 1806, daughter of Abram I. wed John Fetterly, who died in Dixon, Ill. Issue: Solomon, a 49r, went to California and has not been heard from since; Abram went to Nebraska; Catharine and Myra, both married Beckers, in Canada.

Catharine Countryman, daughter of Abram I., of John, of Conrad, was born in 1796, died in May, 1843. Wed John Becker. Issue: Abram, John and Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Meisner.

Catharine Countryman's second husband was a Mr. Dills. Issue: Angeline Dills, who married A. J. Winters. Issue: Katy, A. J., Jr., Dr. J. A. Winters, (died Jan. 2, 1917, and Dr. O. G. Winters.

Katy Winters wed George Goodwin. Issue: G. O. Goodwin, H. W. Goodman and R. J. Goodman. G. O. Goodwin's issue, Virgniia. H. W. Goodwin's issue, Robt. J.

A. J. Winters, Jr. issue: J. A. Winters, Angeline Winters and Judson Winters.

Angeline Winters Wheeler, no issue.

Dr. O. G. Winters, born at LaCrosse, Wis., Dec. 2, 1858, died at DesMoines, Ia., June 4, 1922. Issue: Luella and O. G. Winters, Jr. Luella Winters Schaeffer, issue J. Winters Schaeffer.

Dr. O. G. Winters, son of Angeline Dills Winters, granddaughter of Abram I., son of John, of Conrad, was a physician of repute as medical director for the "Yeomen" for seventeen years, till death at Des Moines, Ia. He was much loved by all his business associates and all who knew him best. He was a Shriner, Knight Templer and a 32d degree Mason. He, mother and wife, attended the first Countryman reunion at Rochelle in 1902 and are in group taken at that time.

Excerpts from Manuscript of Norman W. Countryman and Will of George Countryman 1st.

Statement and records on the genealogy of the Countrymans, Contremans, Kondermans lines as found and spelled by different writers in deeds and papers by Norman W. Countryman, Fultonville, N. Y., May 21, 1917, and June 11, 1923.

The first of the Countrymans that I learned came from Prussia in Germany over 200 years ago. It was said they left there for being persecuted and came to America, and John Fredrick Countryman settled at first along the west banks of the Hudson river, and that he had three sons, 6, 9 and 12 years of age. In conversation with a German I was told Countryman name means "landsmann." It appears that John Fredrick Countryman (Conterman) lived in a Hudson river town and having the three sons in 1711 or a little later, moved to Schoharie county, New York, with other friends, traveling on foot through the wilderness in winter, with their goods carried on their backs and sleeping out in the woods where wild beasts were around, keeping fires to drive them away. It seems John Fredrick's one son was lost sight of (perhaps died young). One son, Conrad, of whom I am a descendant, lived in Schoharie, N. Y. for some time.

Records show that some of the Germans in Schoharie went to Pennsylvania, and Conrad moved from Schoharie to the now town of Minden, Montgomery county, New York, and in the settlement along the road called the Dutchtown road or highway in the year 1723, with other friends and neighbors—Lipes, Keysers, Hawns, Sanders, Diefendorfs, Mayers (now called Moyer), Honses, Zimmermans, Klocks, Millers, Zollers, Windeckers and others.

Conrad Conterman, Casper Lipe and Harmanus Windecker in 1731 purchased from the Indians, 2000 acres of land and received a deed from King George the Second, of which I have a copy. If I remember, Countryman, Lipe and Windecker were to pay three shillings per acre to the King

or his agents, but I think it was never all paid before independence was declared. Soon after the purchase of the 2000 acres, the three purchasers divided the land, I think in the year 1731, and Conrad received 666 1-3 acres for his share, and some of it was situated where Fort Willett was built later. I was on the spot several years ago and found it a very sightly place. It showed that those who bulit it selected a spot where they could see the Indians and Tories and others coming a long way off, I should guess eight or ten miles. An acre was enclosed for the fort and built of oak timbers a foot in diameter, 15 feet long, set upright in the ground three feet. The timber was cut mostly from Conrad's woods, and others benefited, and in 1849, John George, a grandson of Conrad, when a lad drove a team to draw part of the poles away when they were divided after the war. The ones who occupied the enclosure were George, Marks, and John Countryman, John Pickard, Henry Sanders, Fredrick Walrath, Isaac Van Camp, Henry Apple, George Brice and Henry Walrath. There was a wagon entrance on the east side and a small gate on the north side, leading to a well. The enclosure is said to accommodate 1000 persons.

The families had stables built of logs, but outside the enclosure. Powder was kept or secured in the hut of George Countryman, and each occupant had their own hut—they used one bake oven. The writer, Norman W. Countryman, saw the bottom of this oven in September, 1908. It was 4½x6 feet in diameter and for three inches on the top it was discolered from using fat or grease in baking and cooking. I secured a sample of the stone bottom at the time of visiting there.

The land was owned by Romaine Timmerman in 1908

In the destruction of the Dutchtown settlements by the Indians and Tories, October 20, 1780, to the surprise of everyone, the house of George Countryman remained unharmed, since it was well known that there was not a more staunch Whig in the neighborhood. This circumstance remained a mystery, however, until the close of the war. George had a brother who had followed the Johnsons and Butlers to Canada, who was with the horde of invaders on

the occasion named. He was a masked man and supposing his wife was at the time at the home of his brother, his entreaties to have it spared prevailed, and it stood a seeming monument to savage mercy. After the war this brother sent word from Canada to George, informing him why his house was not burned and spared the incendiary torch—assuring him also that had he known at the time that his own wife was not in it, he would have seen that smoke with the rest.

George was so angered by this message that he at once wrote his brother to never darken his door again, since he added, you have not only been a traitor to your country but a traitor to your king. He never returned to the home of his childhood, but sent for his wife, who joined him in Canada, where they remained. Some years ago I heard it was his brother, Jacob, that turned Tory; that he thought the British would be victorious and that he would be one of those to get a farm by confiscation. Think it was my grandfather, George, who told it.

Norman W. Countryman, the writer, a great great grandson of Capt. George Countryman, has his powder horn he had in the Revolution. It is a large one and contains carvings of a man holding a sword in his right hand and representing, I suppose, him as a lieutenant which he was in the Revolution, and also his name and date carved on it, and several buildings, a deer, and an eagle, and dated March 1780. I also have the gun barrel, dated 1777, and I have seen the knapsack, made of leather with brass buckles, and the letters U. S.

Captain George died in 1809, leaving a will. He was a lieutenant from 1778 to 1783, when he was promoted to a Captain of Militia in 1798, when he resigned. He married Christina Diefendorf, a sister of Captain Henry Diefendorf, who was killed at Oriskany.

Following is a copy of the will of Capt. George Countryman, son of Conrad Countryman:

"In the name of God, Amen, I, George Conterman, of the town of Minden, county of Montgomery, and State of

New York, being sickly in body, but of perfect mind and memory (thanks to God), calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do this day make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament, after recommending my soul into the hands of Almighty God, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian-like manner at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly affairs concerning my estate, wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life.

I give and bequeath to Christina, my beloved wife, her residence during her natural life in my dwelling house and to have the care of all my lands, to order and rent the same to whom she pleases, if my children should not manage well and do what is just and right, and further I give her the charge of all my personal estate during the time aforesaid. 2d, I give unto my son, Jacob, all and singular that farm or lot of land known and distinguished by being part of lot number twenty in a patent granted to Jacob Lansing and others, containing seventy-five acres. 3rd, I give unto my son, John George, all the remaining part of that farm or lot of land over which he has as yet no conveyance, containing by estimation seventy-five acres, being part of Lot 25 in a patent granted unto Jacob Lansing and others. 4th, I give and bequeath to my son, Daniel, all and singular, that farm or lot of land whereon I now live, being part of Lot No. 6, in a patent granted unto Hartman Windecker and others, together with all buildings and improvements thereon. 5th, I give unto my sons, John George and Daniel, the remainder of a lot of land situated in a patent granted unto Jacob Lansing and others, and known as being part of lot number 26, to be equally divided between them, my son, Jacob, having received his equal share already out of said lot by conveyance in my life time. 6th, It is my will that if it should happen that either of the three sons should die without leaving any lawful issue, that then his estate shall be inherited by the survivors. 7th, My daughters, Cathar-

ine, Anna, Delia, Christina, Magdaline, Elizabeth Margaret and Mary, shall have each of them the sum of 50 pounds to them, their heirs, executors or administrators or assigns by my three sons in the following manner, viz.: my son, Jacob, or his heirs, executors or administrators, to pay towards completing the amount of said monies thesum of 125 pounds; my son, John George, or his heirs or administrators, the sum of 125 pounds, and my son, Daniel, or his heirs, executors or administrators, the sum of 150 pounds; to be paid within the space of four or five years, or sooner, if their abilities will allow, or in case any of said daughters should be in great need or want of it. 8th, It is also my will that if any of them, my said daughters, should die without bodily issue, then her share or sum allotted be equally divided among the survivors. 9th, Concerning my personal estate, it is my will that my youngest daughter, Delia, whenever she marries, shall have as much in cattle or other effects as any of my other daughters had, to be taken out of my stock, and also my son, Daniel, is to have as much of my personal estate as shall be equal to what his brothers have received, and if any shall remain the same to be equally divided among my aforesaid daughters. 10th, M yson, Daniel, shall yearly give some apples unto his brothers and sisters to such as have none, according to the quantity which the orchard on his farm shall any year produce, for the term of eight years. I do make and ordain my wife, Christina, to be my executrix, together with my beloved Abraham Coopman and my oldest son, Daniel, my executors of this, my last will and testament, and do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and annul all and every former testaments, wills, regacies, bequests and executions by me in anywise before made and named willed and bequeathed, ratifying this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 28th day of April 1808.

(X) George Conderman.

Signed, sealed and pronounced as the last will and

testament of George Conderman. In the presence of us, Jonas Tar, John Blank, Christopher Glaiser.

Proved the 11th day of March, 1809.

James Lansing, Surrogate.

George Conderman, with his wife, Christina, were buried in the Geisenburg cemetery, she having died in 1811.

On the Dutchtown road in the town of Minden, where stood the house of Lieut. George Countryman, the cellar is still visible. The farm is now owned by a son of Alfred Walrath, deceased, and one lot is still called Countryman lot. I, Norman W. Countryman, stood in the cellar in September, 1908, when Levi N. Countryman, of Minneapolis, Minn., took my picture. Levi N. is a grandson of Lieut. George, and is now at his son's home in Cincinnati, Ohio, in his 92d year.*

I also have an old deed given George Countryman on purchasing 75 acres in Lot 25 of Lansing patent, dated April1, 1777, consideration $300. This, with 75 acres bought later, in lot 26, sold in 1862 for $13,000.

My grandfather, George 3rd, my father, William, and I were born on this farm located west of Ford's Bush, less than a mile, in the town of Danube, Herkimer county.

*Died March 29, 1924, at Minneapolis, Minn.

Of Frederick Countryman, a brother of Lieut. George, who was killed in the Indian and Tory raid, Oct. 20, 1780, it is said he was stabbed nineteen times with bayonet and that the Indian captain, Joseph Brant, on seeing what had happened to Countryman, said: "It is as it is, but if it had not happened it would not have been." Capt. Brant and Countryman were great friends, both Freemasons, and lived not far apart. Capt. Brant, 'tis said, had humane and kindly traits and saved the lives and scalps of not a few friends, women and children—so said my grandfather, George 3rd.

George Countryman was appointed 1st Lieutenant in Capt. Jacob Diefendorf's Co. Col. Clydes Reg, of Tryon Co. Malitia, March 4, 1780. Received for services as lieutenant a certificate—10734-of-25L-16c-4d, dated Dec. 4, 1779. Another certificate, 10804-of-45L.-13s-7d, dated Nov. 1, 1880,

and another of 34L-19s-1d, July 10, 1782. Officer's pay in Revolutionary War, Lieut. Col., $60 per month; Major, $50; Captain, $40; Adjutant, $40; Lieutenant, $26 2-3; Ensign, $20; Sergeant, $8; Private, $6 2-3.

Genealogy of George Countryman, as Compiled by John E. Countryman.

George Countryman, youngest son of Conrad 1st, was born about 1738 to 1740. Married Christina Diefendorf, a sister of Captain Henry Diefendorf. Date of marriage not known. Issue: Mary, born Aug. 29, 1763, wed Wm. Wohlgemuth; Jacob, born Feb. 24, 1765, wed Margaretha ———; Margaret, born March 12, 1767; Elizabeth, born June 6, 1769, wed John George Dunckle; Lany, born March 23, 1771, wed Jacob Copeman; George, Jr., born April 1, 1773, wed Regina Spraker, 1793; Dinah, born July 29, 1775; Cathrine, born June 21, 1780, wed John Rice; Nancy, born Jan. 4, 1783, wed John Plank; Daniel, born Nov. 6, 1785, wed Maria Moyer, 1st wife, 2d wife, Mary Fort; Delia, born Nov. 28, 1787, wed James Tenant.

Jacob, the eldest son of George 1st, wed Margaretha ———. Issue: Anna Rosina, born May 9, 1794; Catharine, born May 2, 1796; Christina, born June 8, 1798; Daniel, born Jan. 11, 1803; Delia, born June 27, 1805; Jacob, Jr., born Aug. 17, 1807; Maria, born Oct. 10, 1809; Jonas, born Dec. 11, 1812.

(John) George 2nd, married Regina Spraker. Issue: Henry, born March 7, 1797; George 3d, born March 4, 1799; Catharine, born Dec. 22, 1800; Mary, born Oct. 26, 1802; Lucy Ann, born Oct. 29, 1809. George 2d died Aug. 3, 1851 His wife died Oct. 13, 1858.

David, born Dec. 23, 1815, married Lavina Shoemaker, born Dec. 30, 1820, wed March 9, 1841. Maria or Mary wed Phillip Cole. Catherine wed her cousin, Daniel Dunkel. Issue: three children, Menzo, Daniel and Catharine. Margaret wed David House, had fourteen children. Nancy wed Benjamin Shimel. Lucy Ann wed Jacob Reasner. Elizabeth wed David Augsbury. Christina wed Abram Augsbury. Hen-

ry wed Betsey Walrath, Oct. 19, 1819, died June 16, 1875, and his wife died Dec. 25, 1878.

George, the third from Conrad, born in town of Danube, Herkimer county, N. Y., March 4, 1799, wed Elizabeth Balte in 1824. He died Nov. 4, 1883, at Fords Bush. His wife was born June 30, 1806. Both, with his father and mother are buried in Mount Hope cemetery, Fords Bush. Issue: William, born on homestead, Sept. 26, 1826, wed Katy Ann Cronkhite, born Nov. 1, 1825, were married June 11, 1846. William died Feb. 20, 1896, and his wife at the home of her son, Norman, Nov. 30, 1907. Both were buried at Ft. Plain cemetery.

Katy Countryman, daughter of George 3rd, born Sept. 28, 1828, married Charles Sibel. She died in 1910. He was born Aug. 24, 1824, and died April 23, 1892. Issue: George F., born March 7, 1848; Mary E., born March 15, 1850, wed ——— Snyder, deceased; Martha F., born April 9, 1852, wed ——— Brookman; Ella, infant; Wm. B., born 1859, wed, died in 1922.

Norman W. Countryman, son of Wm. and Katy Ann (Cronkhite) Countryman, was born May 10, 1848, on the homestead of his great grandfather, in the town of Danube, Herkimer county, N. Y. Was married to Emma Strayer at her parents' home near Canajoharie, Dec. 13, 1871. She was born May 8, 1848, and died Feb. 16, 1911, and was buried in Fort Plain cemetery. Issue: Josiah, born Aug. 21, 1874, wed to Rettie D. Countryman at her parents' home near Antwerp, Jefferson county, N. Y., Dec. 6, 1906. He was born in the town of Root, Montgomery county, N. Y. and died March 30, 1920. His wife was born Dec. 1875, at Antwerp, N. Y. Issue, a daughter, Mildred, born Dec. 6, 1910. Josiah died at Little Falls hospital.

Fayette, son of Norman, was born on a farm east of Canajoharie, Dec. 25, 1882, wed Carrie Leppert, of Palatine, N. Y., Dec. 14, 1910, at M. E. parsonage, Canajoharie, N. Y. Issue: Donald, born April 8, 1911, at homestead east of Canajoharie.

J. Edgar Countryman, son of Wm. and Katy Ann Countryman, born Feb. 8, 1850, wed Elizabeth Empie, born July 16, 1857, married April 16, 1879. J. Edgar died at Herkimer village Oct. 30, 1922, buried in his father's lot at Fort Plain cemetery. Issue: two sons and three daughters, Percy A., born Sept. 5, 1887, wed Miss Hoag in 1915, have two children. J. Edgar, Jr., born July 15, 1894, married Miss ———, have one daughter.

Milton, son of Wm. and Katy Ann, born in town of Danube, Herkimer county, June 24, 1852, died at his home in Ames, N. Y., of consumption. Buried in the Mapletown cemetery. Wed Mary C. Winnie, of Mapletown, N. Y., born Sept. 20, 1860, died March 16, 1885. Issue: Winnie and Elizabeth. Winnie, born Aug. 27, 1880, and Elizabeth born Jan. 1, 1885, both at Blaine, N. Y. Elizabeth died from injury and buried at Mapletown, N. Y. Milton for his second wife, wed Viola Garlock, of Ames, N. Y. She was born ———, died Feb. 19, 1902. Had a son, Leland, born May 23, 1892, died Aug. 13, 1899. Winnie, son of Milton, wed Irene Stanton, of Gloversville, N. Y.

Martha, daughter of George 3rd, born March 9, 1835, wed Levi Countryman, Oct. 11, 1854. He died at Starkville, N. Y., Sept. 28, 1909, aged 80 years. She died at Richfield Springs, N. Y., April 20, 1914. Issue: a daughter, Cora, died young; son, Alvin, born in the town of Danube, wed for first wife Alice Hoke, no issue; second wife, Florence Eaton Cook, no issue. Alice, the first wife, died at Ilion, N. Y. He died at Richfield Springs, N. Y. in 1921. He was a merchant there for several years, where his surviving wife now lives.

Mary, daughter of George 3rd, born Dec. 21, 1830, wed John Lighthall, Dec. 20, 1854. Issue: one son and one daughter, both dying young. Father and mother both died at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., and are buried in Mt. Hope cemetery, Fords Bush, N. Y.

Eliza, daughter of George 3rd, born on homestead in town of Danube, Herkimer county, N. Y., died at Paynes Hollow, N. Y. Wed Nicholas Conrad. Issue: three sons, John, Charles, Victor.

Alvena, daughter of George 3rd, born on homestead, April 10, 1833, wed Abel Maxwell, born Aug. 8, 1837, at Carlisle, Schoharie county, N. Y., married Jan. 6, 1858. Both died at Starkville, N. Y., she on Feb. 25, 1885 and he on Dec. 16, 1916. Issue: Allie, born Oct. 28, 1859, in Minden, N. Y.; Emma, born Oct. 6, 1861, in Charleston, N. Y.; Libbie, born May 31, 1865, in Starkville, N. Y. Emma wed John Drain, Nov. 10, 1881. Libbie wed Lynn Starkweather, Oct. 17, 1888, in Starkville, N. Y. Allie wed Horace Bauder, Nov. 4, 1896, at Starkville, N. Y.

Emma and John Drain have two sons: Charles Willis, born May 4, 1884, at Ames, N. Y., and wed Louise Geraldine Riley, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 11, 1918. Floyd Drain, born Nov. 6, 1886, at Starkville, N. Y., wed Helen Duggan, of Chatham, N. Y., June 16, 1914. Neither have children.

Conradt 1st, George 1st, George 2d, Henry.

Henry Countryman's Family Record.

Henry Countryman, born March 7, 1797, died June 16, 1875. Elizabeth Walrath, his wife, born April 16, 1800, died Dec. 25, 1873. Alexander Countryman, son of Henry, born July 9, 1820, died May 1, 1894. George Henry, born Jan. 1, 1826. Louisa Countryman, born Nov. 13, 1829. Ludentia Countryman, born Sept. 22, 1831. Lucy E. Countryman, born Aug. 21, 1835. Amos Countryman, born April 3, 1838. Catherine Countryman, born March 22, 1823, died Jan. 28, 1894. Wilson Countryman, born Aug. 15, 1840. Oscar Countryman, born Sept. 7, 1843.

Henry Countryman and Elizabeth Walrath married Oct. 19, 1819. Alexander Countryman and Catherine Smith married June 7, 1846. Catherine Countryman and Samuel Zoller married Jan. 8, 1846. George Henry Countryman and Louisa Mills married June 16, 1850. Louisa Countryman and Abraham Zoller married Sept. 18, 1850. Ludentia Countryman and Jeremiah Zoller married Sept. 12, 1848. Lucy E. Countryma nand Joseph Baum married Oct. 4, 1854.

Henry Countryman's Grandchildren's Names.

Henry M. Countryman, Dexter, N. Y.
Clinton Countryman, Canton, N. Y.
Fred D. Countryman, Pamelia, N. Y.
Eddy Countryman, Theresa, N. Y.

Henry Zoller, son of Catherine Countryman and Samuel Zoller.

Frank Zoller, so nof Catherine Countryman and Samuel Zoller.

Charles Zoller, son of Catherine Countryman and Samuel Zoller.

Louisa, daughter of Catherine Countryman and Samuel Zoller. Louisa married Robert Welch, of Hammond St., Lawrence county.

Alice, daughter of Ludentia Countryman and Jeremiah Zoller. Married David Welsh.

Luella L., daughter of Catherine Countryman and Samuel Zoller. Married Harvey Hale, of Potsdam, N. Y.

Florence, daughter of Catherine Countryman and Samuel Zoller, wed Fred Baum, of Potsdam, N. Y.

Abbie M. Zoller, deceased, daughter of Louisa M. Countryman and Abram Zoller.

Gershom J. Countryman, son of Alexander Countryman.

William M. Countryman, deceased, son of Alexander Countryman.

Ellen Countryman, daughter of Alexander Countryman.

Charles Countryman, son of Wilson Countryman.

Ora E. Countryman, son of Wilson Countryman.

George Henry Countryman, son of Henry and Betsey Walrath Countryman, was born Jan. 1, 1826, and wed at first marriage, Louisa Mills, June 16, 1850. Issue: one son, Henry M. His second marriage to Olive A. Eddy. Issue: Clinton, Eddy and Fred Dewitt, born 1861. Third marriage to Mrs. Mary Lewis. No issue.

Henry M. wed Eva Brown, of Potsdam, N. Y. Issue:

three children. Roy H., the eldest, wed Maude M. Law, of Ogdensburg, N. Y. Issue: Richard, Frances, Beatrice. Beatrice wed Rex. F. Adams, of Dexter, N. Y. Issue: one child, Barbara, who died at six months. Gretchen, youngest child, wed W. D. Dodge, of Potsdam, N. Y. No issue. The Dodge family and Richard live at Massana, N. Y.

Fred Dewitt Countryman, son of George Henry wed Hattie M. Lewis. Issue: Fred Herbert, born 1890, died 1891; George Dewey, second son, born 1898, wed Mayford Harris. Issue: Dewitt Harris, born 1923. Henry M., traveling salesman, lives in Dexter, N. Y. Clinton, a farmer, lives at Canton, St. Lawrence county, N. Y. Fred Dewitt, a farmer, lives on the old homestead at Pamelia, Jefferson county, N. Y. Eddy lives at Theresa, Jefferson county, a retired farmer.

Conrad 1st, George 1st, George 2d, Henry, Alexander and Gershom.

Gershom J. Countryman, son of Alexander Countryman, and Cora Adele, daughter of Ruben Van Allen and Anna Catherine Countryman were married October 4, 1883

Their children were: Norma Viola Countryman, born June 23, 1885. Elsie Vera Countryman, born Oct. 13, 1886. Jay Alexander Countryman, born Jan. 20, 1889. Verna Adele Countryman, born March 21, 1897. Harold Vernon Countryman, born August 8, 1898.

Norma Viola Countryman married Ebbie G. Hoover, Nov. 22, 1905. Elsie Vera Countryman wed Warren G. Van Allen, Feb. 26, 1908. Jay Alexander Countryman wed Jennie M. Petrie, Dec. 25, 1907. Verna Adele Countryman wed Harold E. Borland, Nov. 11, 1919.

Births of the Grandchildren of Gersham J. Countryman and Children of Norma Viola Countryman and Ebbie G. Hoover.

Elsie C. Hoover, born February 28, 1907.
Earl G. Hoover, born May 15, 1909.

Elmer H. Hoover, born September 13, 1915.

Elrena V. Hoover, born Aug. 6, 1916.

Estella J. Hoover, born March 6, 1921.

Born to Elsie Vera Countryman and Warren G. Van Allen, Geneva Norma Van Allen, Feb. 7, 1910.

Born to Verna Adele Countryman and Harold E. Borland; Elmer Dale Borland, Aug. 9, 1920; Deane J. Borland, Dec. 18, 1921.

Born to Jay Alexander Countryman and Jennie M. Petrie, Arland Alexander Countryman, Jan. 7, 1915.

Genealogy of Wm. Countryman.

Conradt 1st, George 1st, George 2d, Henry, Alexander,

William

William Countryman, son of Alexander, was born at Pamelia Four Corners. Wed Ella Baxter. Issue: two sons, Theron A. and Leland. Theron A. wed Kathryn Calvert, June 26, 1913. Issue: Jane Moore, born March 14, 1915; Calvert Theron, born March 5, 1920. This family lives in Watertown, N. Y., and the father is assistant manager of the H. H. Babcock Co. Wm. Countryman is buried at Calcium cemetery, near Watertown, N. Y.

Conradt 1st, George 1st, George 2d, David.

David Countryman's Family Record.

David Countryman was born Dec. 23, 1816, died Aug. 21, 1894. Lovina Shoemaker Countryman, wife of David, was born Dec. 21, 1820. Joseph Countryman, David's oldest child, was born Sept. 30, 1842, died in 1907. George E. Countryman was born Sept. 11, 1845. Anna Catherine Countryman was born July 21, 1847, and died Dec. 5, 1823. Ruben Countryman was born July 14, 1849. Charles Herman Countryman was born July 19, 1855. Mary Alma Countryman was born July 16, 1857, died Oct. 20, 1894. Orville and Orvis H. Countryman, twins, were born July 6, 1860; Orville died

at birth. Martha Luella Countryman was born Feb. 10, 1866, and died Feb. 28, 1920.

Joseph Countryman, son of David, married Mary Roof. George E. Countryman, married Olive Stevens. Ruben Countryman married Christina Stevens. Anna Catherine, daughter of David, married Reuben Van Allen. Charles Herman, son of David, married Sarah Frost. Orvis H. married Emma Sargent. Martha Luella married Edwin H. Cornwell. Mary Alma married Perry E. Wood.

David Countryman's Family Record of Grandchildren.

Cora Adelle Van Allen, daughter of Anna Catherine Countryman and Ruben Van Allen, born Aug. 17, 1865.

Arthur R. Countryman, son of Joseph, born Feb. 12, 1868, died Nov. 23, 1894.

Estella L. Countryman, daughter of George E., born July 4, 1869, died ——.

May Elda Countryman, daughter of Joseph.

Grace E. Countryman, daughter of Charles Herman.

Lula M. Wood, daughter of Mary Alma Countryman and Perry E. Wood.

Ruth Wood, daughter of Mary Alma Countryman and Perry E. Wood, born Oct. 13, 1894.

Verna A. Cornwell, daughter of Martha Luella and Edwin H. Cornwell, born Nov. 17, 1894, died Oct. 1923.

Wava Cornwell, daughter of Martha Luella and Edwin H. Cornwell.

Glenn Cornwell, son of Martha Luella and Edwin H. Cornwell, born May 19, 1898.

Catharine Countryman, daughter of George 1st, of Conrad, was born June 21, 1780, wed John Reis (Rice), son of Rev. Frederick Reis, who was preaching at the Stone Arabia Lutheran church in 1751, and again in 1773. Issue of John and Catharine Countryman Rice: Jonas, Jacob, George, John Jr., Christina, who married John Shall; Nancy, married Jacob Shall; Lany, married Moyer Diefendorf, and

Polly, who never married. Jacob Reis, second son of Frederick, wed Lany Shall. George Reis, third son of Frederick, wed Catie Klock; issue: Martha and Jacob. Martha died when a young lady. Jacob married Margaret Ann Nellis; issue: George and Martha. Second marriage to Christina Miller, no issue. George died at age of three years. Martha lives at Palatine Bridge, N. Y. John Jr., youngest son of Frederick, died young. Jonas Reis, eldest son of John Reis, Sr., married Eve Klock, daughter of George I. Klock, a son of Jacob G. Klock, colonel commanding a Tryon Co. N. Y. regiment, also member of assembly and state senator of New York state. Jonas and Eve Klock Rice had three sons and three daughters: George, Jonas and Josiah, Christina, Caty and Anna. This family of Reises (Rices) were pioneer settlers of Stone Arabia, probably from the Lower Palatinate. Christina wed Peter Monk, Jr., of Danube, Herkimer county, N. Y. Issue: Jonas, Mary, George and Emma. Jonas Monk wed Maggie Wagner, daughter of Andrew Wagner, of town of Stark, Herkimer county, N. Y. No issue. Mary died young. George Monk wed Libbie Sanders, daughter of Henry Sanders, of Minden, Montgomery county, N. Y. He died some years ago and his wife in 1924. No issue. Emma youngest child of Peter and Christina Rice Monk, wed Sanford Sanders, son of Henry Sanders, of Minden. Issue: one son, Claud, living at home with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders are well-to-do farmers in the town of Minden.

Caty Rice, second daughter of Jonas and Eva Klock Rice, wed Stephen Wagner, son of Abram Wagner, and the grandson of Jacob Wagner, a soldier of the Revolutionary War. Issue: one son, Fayette, and a daughter, Ida. Fayette, one of the stable farmers and business men of Danube, Herkimer county, N. Y., wed Ida Walrath, daughter of Henry Walrath, of Minden, N. Y. This couple have always lived in Danube, where the father died some years ago and the mother, Caty Rice Wagner, died March 14, 1924, in her 96th year. Fayette is vice president of the Farmers and Mechanics Bank at Fort Plain, N. Y.

Ida Wagner wed Sanford Cronkhite, son of Daniel

and Samantha Moyer Cronkhite, of Danube, Herkimer county, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Cronkhite have spent their married life very pleasantly on a farm north and near Fords Bush, N. Y., until the autumn of 1923, when they sold their farm and are now living at Palatine Bridge, N. Y. No issue.

Anna, youngest daughter of Jonas and Eve Rice, wed John W. Davy, of Danube, N. Y., son of Wm. Davy. Mr. and Mrs. Davy proved very successful farmers and gained a competence—having no issue they gave it quite lavishly for church and religious work. Mr. Davy died a few years ago at a ripe old age. Mrs. Davy is still living, 1925, at her residence in Danube, N. Y.

Conradt 1st, George 1st, J. George 2d.

Lucy Ann Countryman, daughter of J. George 2d, was born in town of Danube, Herkimer county, N. Y., Oct. 15, 1814. Died, Feb. 17, 1884, at Rosier, Jefferson county, N. Y. Her husband, Jacob Reasner, was born in Montgomery county, N. Y., Jan. 8, 1809, and died at Rosier, N. Y., Sept. 13, 1903. Mr. Reasner was a blacksmith a few years at Fords Bush, N. Y., then moving to Jefferson county, where he proved a successful farmer. Issue: seven children, five were born in Montgomery county, N. Y. Mary Reasner, eldest daughter, was born Oct. 2, 1836, and died at Lincoln, Neb., in 1912. Mary wed Nathan Countryman, in the town of Danube, Dec. 28, 1859, where they resided until the spring of 1865, when they came to Ogle county, Illinois. Issue: Jacob I., born in New York; Lillie M. and Anna, born in Illinois. Jacob I. wed Emma Kendell, Jan. 14, 1886, who died June 29, 1892. Issue: one daughter, Edna May, born Aug. 1888. She wed Stanley Crouse, Nov. 16, 1914. Issue: one daughter, Carolyn, and oneson, Stanley, Jr. Address, Ladore, Colo. Jacob I's second marriage to Bertha A. White, March 19, 1902. Address, Ontario, Calif. Lillie M., daughter of Mary and Nathan Countryman, wed Clarence Slafter, Jan. 6, 1886. Issue: Edmund Farwell, Carlos C., Louise Mae, Alice M. and Isaac Byron. Louise Mae wed

Samuel Rolofson, March 14, 1917. More complete genealogy of Nathan and Mary Reasner Countryman in Part I of Countryman Genealogy. Anna, youngest daughter of Mary Reasner Countryman, wed C. F. Collins, Dec. 25, 1892. No issue. Home, Spokane, Wash., R. F. D. 8. Machinist and dealer in autos. Jacob Reasner, Jr., born April 18, 1830, died March 17, 1854. Peter, born Dec. 13, 1839, died Dec. 4, 1844. George Henry, born Aug. 20, 1841, wed Louise Flander. Issue: Dayton, Ethel, who wed Chester Lance. Issue: one son, Ralph. David Reasner, born Aug. 31, 1843, wed Jane Huff. Issue: Earl, Jay and Belle. Belle wed Harley Wells. Issue: Harold and Jay. Martha Reasner, born Nov. 28, 1845, married John W. Bird. Has two children, F. E. and Clara. Live in Rockford, Iowa. Mr. Bird was a teacher for several years in Illinois schools, then married and went to Iowa, where he invested largely and profitably in Iowa lands. Was elected as a Republican two successive terms to the Iowa legislature, 1885-87, and served in extra session in 1888. Died at Rockford, Iowa, Dec. 15, 1907. Catharine, daughter of Lucy Ann Countryman Reasner, born Sept. 25, 1847, wed Wm. Cook, of Ogle county, Illinois. Issue: George, Birdie and Robert. George wed Anna Groan. Issue: Roy and Raymond. Birdie wed Alfred Symes. Issue: Ray, Walter, Ethel, Clara and Dorothy. Home, Rockford, Iowa.

Norman Reasner, born Nov. 7, 1851, wed Dilla Wright. Issue: Jennie and Walter. Address, Rosier, N. Y.

Herman Reasner, born March 12, 1853. He first wed Phebe Ross, born Sept. 14, 1850, died March 26, 1893. They were married Dec. 17, 1884. Issue: Wm. H., born June 17, 1886; Wilson J., born June 17, 1886, died May 28, 1887; Carrie May, born Nov. 17, 1888, died March 26, 1890. Herman Reasner's second wife, Francis Gilbert, born March 3, 1859, wed Jan. 30, 1894. Issue: Lillian, born April 15, 1895; Ernest, born Sept. 9, 1899. Wm. H. Reasner's wife, Myrtle Ambertine, born Jan. 21, 1886, and died May 29, 1915, married Jan. 26, 1910. Issue: Harold W., born March 13, 1911; Jay, deceased.

The genealogy of Geo. Countryman the 1st, as relates to one of his children, Daniel, was contributed by Levi Nelson Countryman, son of Daniel Countryman.

Something of the ancestry of the Countryman (Kondermann) families, as affecting me. (Levi N. Countryman)

John Frederick Countryman. Mythical. (German)

It is rumored that a man by the above name settled in the Hudson river region, and that he had two sons (possibly three), one of whom went to Pennsylvania, and the other, Conrad, our ancestor, settled in central New York in Montgomery county, a few miles west of Canajoharie.

Conrad Countryman. (Spelled in various ways. Earliest Kondermann, Conderman, Contreman, Countryman)

Born about 1698, it is supposed. He, in connection with two companions, Casper Leipe and Herman Windecker, bought 2000 acres of timberland in what is now the town of Minden, Montgomery county, New York. The purchase was made in the form of a grant by King George the Second of England, as per deed in my possession.

The three men were to divide the land between them as per terms of deed, making a trifle more for each one of them than a full section, as now described. In the summer of 1908, in the company of a relative of mine, Norman W. Countryman, I went over that part of the grant set off to Conrad Countryman. Not a Countryman owns one acre of it now, at the time of my visit. I was introduced to some of the families who now own the land. I must say that the farms were among the finest I ever saw anywhere and well tilled.

This old farm is historic. On it was built the stockade fort known in history as Fort Willets, which served as a place of refuge in 1778 to 1789 of the families for many miles around and which withstood the attack of the British and Indians under General Brandt. Here and elsewhere my grandfather, George Countryman, fought, as a commissioned officer, and here a kinsman by the name of Fayette Countryman lost his life. There is nothing now to mark the place of the fort but a large, flat rock in which the families

are said to have done their baking. I was at the place and brought away with me a small piece of the rock.

Children of Conrad Countryman.

(Just how they stand as to time of birth is not fully known)

First List—Mark (Marcus), Frederick, Conrad, Jr., John, Jacob, *George (my grandfather), Adam, Barbara, Ann Eve, Mary.

Second List—Beginning with Adam, Marcus, Frederick, Conrad Jr., John, Jacob, *George (my grandfather), and daughter Barbara, Ann Eve, and not certain as to a daughter, Mary.

Whether there is any record extant from which we may get the birth dates of these people, no one knows.

***George Countryman No. 1, So Degisnated.**

We are descended from this son of old Conrad. In both of the lists he appears as the last born of the sons, and may have been a young man at the commencement of the Revolution. There is a record of a George Countryman who died in 1808, and I have no doubt it is he.

When in New York in 1908, as my companion, Norman W. Countryman, and I came back from our visit to the old farm of Conrad, we visited the old cemetery of Geissenberg, where originally stood the church called the Geissenberg church. Nothing but a lot of old bricks mark the place of the church. This cemetery lies west of Canajoharie, a little to one side, but about half way from Canajoharie to the old farm. It is thought that both Conrad, the elder, and our ancestor, George, are buried there. George, being the youngest of the boys, remained at home with the father, and buried the father there, and in turn was also buried there. My own father, Daniel, was born on the old farm, and I saw the place said to have been his birthplace. How much of late years have I regretted that I did not seek information from him regarding many things which he knew

of the old ancestors, which are now lost to us and cannot now be recovered.

Children of George Countryman No. 1.

Mary, born Aug. 29, 1763. Jacob, born Feb. 24, 1765. Died in 1815. Margaret, born March 12, 1767. Elizabeth, born June 6, 1769. Lany, born March 23, 1771. George No. 2, born April 1, 1773. Dinah, born July 29, 1775. Caty, born June 21, 1780. Nancy, born Jan. 4, 1783. Daniel, born Nov. 6, 1785, (my father), died in 1864. Delia, born Nov. 28, 1787.

Memoranda.

Young, married Margaret ———. Caty (Katherine) married a man by the name of John Rice. Nancy married a ——— Plank. Delia married James Tennant.

With regard to the Young family, Aunt Margaret was nearly twenty years older than father. Her oldest son, David Young, our cousin, and family, always lived near us in Jefferson county and St. Lawrence county, N. Y., and his children and my brothers and sisters were always together in our early childhood. Their names were Philana, Margaret, Nancy, Caty, David, and one whose name I cannot remember. David Young, Jr., and I were for a number of years almost inseparable playmates. Nancy and Caty once visited our family when we were living in Hastings, Minn. I do not now remember the year. All of the young children are dead. (April 1917).

(I will say that to the above named George Countryman the 2nd was born a son known as George the 3rd, from whom descended the Norman W. Countryman, with whom I have had more or less correspondence.)

Children of Daniel Countryman, (my father), by Maria (Mary) Moyer, First Wife. (She Died in 1820.)

Johan (George D.), born Sept. 18, 1805, died Jan. 27, 1871. Christina (Tina), born April 1, 1807, died March 3, 1883. Gertrude (Charity), born Dec. 6, 1808, died March 8, 1845. Mary (Polly), born Jan. 11, 1811, died Jan. 23, 1897 Sally, born Nov. 1, 1812, died when young. Daniel, born Oct. 3, 1814, died when young. Jacob, born Feb. 11, 1816, died when young. Elizabeth (Betsey), born July 22, 1817, died July 2, 1868. Katherine (Caty), born July 2, 1819, died March 24, 1887.

There was born another child, name to us unknown and when born or died, but is said to have died young. Making ten children by first wife.

Children by Mary Fort (My Mother, 2d Wife, Born Feb. 27, 1795, Died Oct. 5, 1855.

Lany Ann, born Sept. 2, 1821, living in 1925. John Wesley, born Dec. 22, 1823, died Sept. 14, 1899. Henry Daniel, born Oct. 27, 1825, died April 19, 1908. Peter Fort, born Dec. 22, 1829, died Dec. 25, 1905. Levi Nelson, born July 11, 1832, died March 29, 1924. Mary Martha, born March 24, 1835, died Feb. 19, 1911.

Remarks:—I do not know whom my half brother, George, married. I never saw him but two or three times before I went to the Mohawk to work in the spring of 1849. He was living east of Little Falls and I visited him there two or three times. He had a lovely family and Martha was well acquainted with the children. She visited them and spent some time there. Christina (Tina) married Jacob Bush. Gertrude (Charity) married Alvah Mead, a very odd and comical man. Mary (Polly) married a Mr. Gardner, first husband, from whom she separated, afterwards marrying David House. Elizabeth (Betsey) married a Mr. Plank, first husband, who died, afterwards marrying a Mr. Hyde, who survived her. Katherine (Caty) married David Levi

Waltz. In my minority I was thoroughly acquainted with the children of all these, my half sisters and brothers, except those of George, and not much acquainted with those of Katy. There was so much visiting back and forth with the families of Tina, Charity, Polly and Betsey that we became playfellows for years, and now in my old age I look back to the old times with delightfully pleasant memories.

Christina (Tina) Countryman, Daughter of Daniel Countryman, Wife of Jacob Bush.

George W. Bush, born Jan. 7, 1830, died Feb. 1832. William H. Bush, born Dec. 10, 1831, died 1834. Mary M. Bush, born Nov. 9, 1833, died May 5, 1916. Nancy E. Bush, born Sept. 21, 1836, died Jan. 17, 1896. Sally M. Bush, born March 24, 1839, died Dec. 4, 1915. Lorancy Bush, born April 6, 1841, date of death unknown to me. Daniel Dewitt Bush, born May 2, 1843, died March 16, 1864, Civil War. Horatio Norton Bush, born June 10, 1846. Minerva M. Bush, born June 10, 1846, died May 30, 1899.

Remarks:—The foregoing were my nephews and nieces, and married as follows:

Mary Martha married a man by the name of Weller. I was well acquainted with him.

Lorancy married a man by the name of Spring. I was well acquainted with him.

Nancy married a man b ythe name of Johnson. I never saw him.

Sally M. married a man by the name of Horton, who died in the Civil War. Afterwards she married one Stevens, whom I never saw, and whom she survived.

Horatio N. married and raised a family and for a time lived near us in Hastings, Minn. Is the only one living of the children at this time of writing, April 26, 1917.

Minerva M., his twin sister, married, I do not recall whom now.

Gertrude (Charity) Countryman, Daughter of Daniel Countryman, Wife of Alvah Mead.

John Nelson Mead, died in 1865. Eliza Maria Mead, born Jan. 3, 1832, died summer of 1916. Lavona Mead, born in 1835, died summer of 1846. Mary Ann Mead, born March 13, 1837. Minerva Mead, born July 4, 1840, died summer of 1916. Helen Mead, born July 2, 1842, died in summer of 1916. Charity Mead, born March 1, 1845.

Remarks:—Of all of my nephews and nieces these were the nearest to us. They were where I could see them often and it was always a great treat for Peter and Martha and I when we could get the promise of a few days' visit to Alvah Mead. In the summer of 1845, after the death of sister Charity, we took Alvah Mead's farm to work, and lived with him a few years more, but I went to Fine in fall of 1845. It will be seen by the above that three of the girls died in 1916, not far apart. Eliza and Minerva were never married. Mary Ann had a large family and Helen had two girls. Charity married but never had any children. It is doubtful if any of these girls were ever out of the county of Jefferson, New York. Eliza lived and died in the house in which she was born and although within two miles of a railroad, never road on a railway train. They lived at Watertown, N. Y.

Mary (Polly) Countryman, Daughter of Daniel Countryman

She had no children by first husband, Gardner. By second husband, David House: Adda House.

I have no data concerning her birth or death except that she was troubled with epilepsy and died in St. Peters Hospital for the Insane. She was about 30 years old. She and her mother came to Hastings about 1870 and lived in a house I bought for them to live in, until Adda was taken away to St. Peters.

Elizabeth (Betsey) Countryman, Daughter of Daniel Countryman.

James Eli Plank, by first husband, Mr. Plank. There was no offspring by second husband, Mr. Hyde.

As in the case of Adda House, I am without date of birth of James Eli Plank, but it is probably in the '40s somewhere. At the date of this writing, April 26, 1917, he is still living. He was born deaf and dumb and received a good education at an asylum for deaf mutes. He came to live for a time in Hastings, Minn. Last heard from him he was in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Katherine (Caty) Countryman, Daughter of Daniel Countryman.

Children by David Levi Waltz: George, Sarah, James and Daniel Waltz.

I could not get dates of birth. I was a visitor at the home of Levi Waltz in the summer of 1868 and have not seen any of them since, and do not know to what quarter of the world they went, i. e., the children. They were living in Jefferson county, N. Y., in 1868 when I saw them last. When I went back in 1908 the parents were dead and no one knew where the children were.

Lany Ann Countryman, Daughter of Daniel Countryman, Wife of Daniel B. Truax.

Albert Hemperly Truax, only child of this union. Born June 25, 1843, now living in Hastings, Minn., at this writing, April 26, 1917. (Still living in 1925)

The father, D. B. Truax, died Jan. 2, 1916, aged 97 years, 7 months and 7 days, having been born May 25, 1818.

Sister Lany Ann now living in Hastings, Minn., at the age of 103, in 1925.

Henry D. Countryman, Son of Daniel Countryman.

Children by wife, Sophronia Briggs: Preston K., born Nov. 24, 1850, Los Angeles, Calif., 1925. Rosabel, born Sept. 22, 1852. Orville E., born Oct. 3, 1854, Hannah, N. Dak., 1925. Alice A, born Nov. 5, 1858, deceased. Alonzo J., born Nov. 20, 1861. Eva M., born Sept. 1, 1865, deceased. Edith O., born Nov. 20, 1867. Martha M., born Jan. 5, 1870. Wilfred E. and Winifred E., twins, born Feb. 5, 1872. Wilfred E. is deceased.

There were two children who died very young of whom I have no data.

Preston married Fanny Willey, now living in Los Angeles, Calif. Rosabel married Leonard Knapp, now living in Wayzata, Minn. Orville married Ida Coffin, now living in Hannah, N. D. Alice, dead, married Tom Vincent, dead, went at marriage to Oregon. Alonzo married Alta Griswold, who divorced him. Eva M., dead, married Frank George, George remarried, living in New York. Edith O. married Ed Todd, now living in Minneapolis. Martha M. married Irwin Coffin, now living on farm in Minnesota. Wilfred, not married. Winifred, dead, married Everett Wilson. All but those marked dead are living at this time, April 26, 1917.

Brother John Wesley Countryman and Sister Martha M. Countryman never married. Both lived and died at the home of D. B. Truax.

Children of Peter F. Countryman, Son of Daniel Countryman

Ambrose D., born Feb. 8, 1850. Levi Alasco, born Nov. 16, 1851. Florence A., born Aug. 9, 1854. Emily J., born Jan. 11, 1856. Harriet L., born Dec. 9, 1857. Marcellus L., born Jan. 13, 1862. George E., born July 31, 1865. Daniel Melville C., born May 25, 1867. Minnie Lulu, born Dec. 5, 1870. There were two who died very young, Mary and John.

Ambrose married James Beswick. L. Alasco married Sarah Strathern. Florence married a widow lady. Emily married Llewellyn Cobb. Hattie married Daily Cecil. Marcellus married Cora Simmons. George married Kate Van Auken. Minnie Lulu married for first husband, Mr. Mascrae; for second husband, Mr. Ruga.

Children of Levi Nelson Countryman, Son of Daniel Countryman.

Mary Josephine, born Aug. 8, 1853, lived three weeks, died Aug. 21, 1853. Amplias, born Oct. 31, 1854, Hartsville, Ind. Theophilus Russell, born June 11, 1857, Hininger, Minn. Minnie Martha, born March 27, 1861, Ninger, Minn., died Jan. 14, 1863. Jason Melville, born July 2, 1863, Nininger, Minn., died Sept. 30, 1865. Gratia Alta, born Nov. 29, 1866, Hastings, Minn. Lana Maria, born April 7, 1870, Hastings, Minn.

Amplias M. married Adda E. Short, no issue. Theophilus R. married Ada Jaquith. Lana M. married Charles T. Conger, issue Constance V. Conger, now Mrs. Gilbert Buffington.

There was a child born, the first before Mary Josephine, did not live a day. We did not name it. There were born to us, therefore, eight in all.

Theophilus Russell wed Ada Jaquith, Jan. 5, 1882. Issue: Alta, Russell Louis and Ralph. Alta, born March 14, 1885, wed Wm. Ward Blackburn Sept. 22, 1909; issue: Marvin Jaquith, born Oct. 5, 1918; resides at Los Angeles, Cal.

Russell Louis, born March 20, 1886, wed Muriel Constance Kelley, Sept. 22, 1915. She was born Feb. 17, 1886. Issue: Walter Kelley, born Dec. 1, 1916; David Russell, born June 17, 1918; Ralph Percy, born May 21, 1921. They reside at Piedmont, Calif.

Ralph, born March 20, 1888, is unmarried, and resides at Long Beach, Calif.

Daniel Countryman, son of George, of Conradt 1st, born Nov. 6, 1785, died in 1864. Married Maria (Mary) Moyer, who died in 1820. Their oldest son, (John) George D., was born Sept. 18, 1805, died Jan. 27, 1871. George D.

Countryman married Nancy Putman, May 4, 18—, in Minden, Montgomery county, N. Y., the Rev. Jesse Bushnell officiating. Nancy Putman was born in Minden, July 21, 1807. Their children were: Amelia, born in Fort Plan, N. Y., April 18, 1837; Martha, born in Fort Plain, N. Y., July 7, 1839; Mary, born in Minden, June 1, 1841; Adison Gardner, born in Stark, Herkimer county, N. Y., Aug .4, 1845; Charity Christina, born in Stark, July 24, 1848; Horace Marvin, born in Stark, Aug. 16, 1851.

Amelia died at the age of sixteen years, and Charity at three and a half years. Martha married David F. Ecker, of Stark, Herkimer county, N. Y. Issue: two daughters, Emma and Lilly, both died, no children. Mary wed Menzo Calmon, of Canondaigua, Ontario county, N. Y., issue: Everett E. Calmon, who wed Flora E. Parsons. Issue: Lona, Claud, Lester and Sidney, all young, not married. Horace M. Countryman wed Hattie E. Springer, of Stark, Herkimer county, N. Y. Issue: two daughters, Charlotte, single, and L. Maude, who wed Dudley B. Wade, of Albany, N. Y. Issue: Dudley B. Jr. and Benjamin B. Wade, both young. Addison Countryman died young, from injury.

Church Records

Lutheran Church at Stone Arabia, Montgomery Co., N. Y.

Excerpts from Greene.

The Stone Arabia Lutheran Church dates from the separation of the United Reformed and Lutheran societies in 1733. Rev. William Christian Buckmeyer was the first pastor. Rev. Peter Nicholas Sommer (1743), Rev. Frederick Rees (1751), Rev. Thopolis England (1763), Rev. Frederick Reis (1773), Rev. Philip Grotz (1780). It was in (1792) during the pastorate of Rev. Grotz, that the present frame church was built. The Rev. Peter Wilhelm Domier came here from Germany and was pastor from 1811 to 1826. All these pastors had preached in German and the dominie to have services in th eEnglish language as well, was Rev. John D. Lawyer, who was here from 1827 to 1838.

It will be noted by comparing these dates with the records of the Minden Lutheran Church that this Rev. John D. Lawyer had as his charge both of these churches.

After some correspondence with the pastor and clerk to ascertain as to Countrymans on the church record, Romane Saltzman, clerk, kindly searched the four volumes of about 1000 pages, with results, viz:

Anna, daughter of John Pickert, baptized March 11, 1754; witnesses, Conrad Cuntraman, Rachel Pickard.

Anna, daughter of Honness Aplens and wife, Margaretha, baptized April 10, 1754; witnesses, Anna Eva Cuntramann, (daughter of Conradt 1st.)

Eva Certrude, daughter of George Wheeler and wife, Barbary, baptized March 15, 1754; witnesses, Conrad Cuntramann, probably Conradt 1st.

Anna Catharine, daughter of Johannes Loch and wife, Elizabeth; baptized March 21, 1755; witness, Anna Eva Cuntramann, daughter of Conradt 1st.

Catharine, daughter of Peter Kilts and wife, Anna; baptized March 27, 1755; witness, Marx Cuntramann.

Johannes, daughter of Enskish and wife; baptized August 16, 1755; witness, Johannes Cuntramann.

John Fox Frederick, so nof Frederick Cuntramann; baptized June 24, 1756; witness, Eva Cuntramann.

Maria Margareth, daughter of Henry Haberman and wife, Juliana; baptized Oct. 29, 1757; witnesses, Conrad Cuntramann and wife, Maria Margareth.

Magdalena, daughter of Johannes Conterman and wife, Rachel; baptized Aug. 18, 1769.

Lany, daughter of Geo. Cuntreman and wife, Christina; baptized May 13, 1771; witnesses, parents.

Gertrude, daughter of Conrad Cuntreman and wife, Christina; baptized April 14, 1771; witnesses, parents.

Maria, daughter of Johannes Cuntremann and wife, Rachael; baptized Sept. 15, 1771.

Johannes, son of Adam Buchal and wife, Catharine; baptized March 24, 1772; witnesses John Cuntremann and wife.

Henrich, son of Johannas Cuntermann and wife, Elizabeth; baptized Dec. 13, 1816; witnesses, parents.

David, son of (John) George Cuntermann and wife, Regina; baptized Dec. 23, 1816; witnesses, parents.

Beckky, daughter of Marcus Cuntremann and wife, Catarina; baptized April 20, 1817; witness, William Cuntremann.

Moses, son of John I. Cuntremann and wife, Elizabeth; baptized July 24, 1817; witnesses Jacob G. Schneider and frau, Catarena.

Henry, son of Henry Horning and wife, Margaret; baptized Sept. 5, 1817; witnesses, Marcus Cuntremann and wife, Anna.

Jacob, son of Nicholas Cuntremann and wife, Elizabeth; baptized Jan. 18, 1818; witnesses, parents.

Nelson, son of Theobuld Hans and wife, Margaret; baptized March 10, 1818; witnesses, George Cuntreman and wife, Catharine.

Elizabeth, daughter of Rudolph Keller and wife, Susanna; baptized March 10, 1818; witness, Elizabeth Cuntremann.

Peter, son of Marcus Cuntremann and wife, Anna; baptized March 23, 1818; witnesses, Peter and Delia Cuntremann.

Catarina, daughter of Isaac Pickert and wife, Anna; baptized Sept. 27, 1818; witnesses, Johenn Cuntremann and wife, Margaret.

William, son of Barkey French and wife, Nancy; baptized Oct. 11, 1818; witness, William Cuntremann.

Abraham, son of George F. Cuntermann and wife, Elizabeth; baptized Nov. 8, 1818.

Louise, daughter of Henrick Cuntremann and wife, Caty; baptized April 4, 1819.

George, son of Anthony Cuntremann and wife, Anna; baptized April 2, 1820; witnesses, John Geo. Cuntremann and wife, Regina.

Elizabeth, daughter of Peter Reasner and wife, Sara; baptized May 14, 1820; witnesses, John I. Cuntermann and wife, Elizabeth.

Elizabeth, daughter of Marcus Cuntermann and wife, Anna; baptized July 23, 1820; witnesses, Christopher Schumacher and frau, Elizabeth.

Eva Maria, daughter of Johenn Adam Cuntermann and wife, Catarina; baptized Aug. 6, 1820.

Alexander, son of Henrich Cuntermann and wife, Elizabeth; baptized Sept. 3, 1820; witness, Geo. Cuntermann

Joseye, daughter of Peter Brunner and wife, Catharine; baptized Oct. 15, 1820; witnesses Johenn E. Cuntermann and wife, Margaret.

Peter, son of Peter Hock and wife, Margaret; baptized Feb. 4, 1821; witnesses, William Cuntermann and wife, Maria.

Beckky, daughter of William Cuntermann and wife, Maria; baptized July 8, 1821.

Daniel, son of Conrad Cunterman and wife, Catarina; baptized Aug. 19, 1821.

Frederick Schmidt, son of Conrad Cuntremann and wife, Margaret; baptized Sept. 30, 1821.

Martin, son of Johenn Jr. Cunterman and wife, Magdalena; baptized Dec. 26, 1821; witnesses, Barbara Cuntermann and Martin Pickard.

Abraham, son of Henry Horning and wife, Margaret; baptized May 27, 1822; witness, Peter Cuntermann.

Peter, son of Johann Schneider and wife, Maria Elizabeth; baptized Aug. 8, 1822; witness, Peter Cuntermann.

Catarina, daughter of Marcus Cuntermann and wife, Anna; baptized Sept. 29, 1822; witnesses, Adam Cuntermann and wife, Catarina.

Charlotte, daughter of Heurich Cuntermann and wife, Catarina; baptized Feb. 9, 1823.

Caty, daughter of Henrich Cuntermann and wife, Elizabeth; baptized May 11, 1823.

Daniel, son of Peter Hock and wife, Margaret; baptized July 2, 1823; witnesses, Johenn Cuntermann and Barbara Cuntermann.

Henrick, son of Conrad Cuntermann and wife, Catarina; baptized Aug. 3, 1823; witnesses, Anthony Cuntermann and wife, Anna.

Eliza Maria, daughter of Conrad Cuntermann and wife, Margaret; baptized July 29, 1827.

Levin, son of Henrich Wahrath and wife, Polly; baptized May 9, 1830; witness, Jacob Cunterman.

This church, in 1924, is maintaining regular services.

Marbletown Reformed Church, Ulster County, N. Y.

In reply to a letter written to the pastor of the Reformed Church at Stone Ridge (formerly called Marbletown) if that early church record showed any membership of Countrymans, Rev. C. N. Stevens, the pastor, made the following reply:

Stone Ridge, Feb. 11, 1919.

Mr. John E. Countryman,

Dear Sir:—

Replying to your inquiry of Jan. 31st, would say that

I have examined the records of the Marbletown Reformed Church and find mention of the name of Countryman, as follows:

Under date of Aug. 27, 1754, I find the names of Jacob Keyser and Elizabeth Countreman bracketed together, and the names of their children following. This evidently is the baptismal record of their children.

Under date of Aug. 27, 1754, I find the names of Frederick Contriman and Elizabeth Scheef bracketed together, and the name, Mathew, following. This is evidently the name of their son and is his baptismal record. Other children of the "bair baptized" as follows: Henricus, Mar. 11, 1761; Levi, ab. 5th, 1762; Laura, Oct. 26, 1765; Paulus, ab. 23d, 1769.

The Reformed Church of Stone Arabia was the oldest west of Schenectady, having been formed by Rev. John Jacob Ehle in 1711. This and much that follows I gathered from Green's History of old Fort Plain and the Middle Mohawk Valley. "This was a log church erected about 1711 on the lot now occupied by the Lutheran Church. In 1733 the joint Lutheran and Reformed Societies erected a frame church. A disagreement arose as to the name of denomination of the new church and the Lutherans withdrew to the log church. Dominie Ehle was followed by Rev. Johannes Schuyler, 1743-1751. Rev. Armilo Wernig, 1751-1758. Rev. Abraham Rosencrantz, 1759-1769. Rev. Rosencrantz came to this country from Germany when a young man and married a sister of Gen. Herkimer. From 1769 to 1787, Stone Arabia Reformed Church seems to have been without a regular pastor. Both the Dutch Reformed and Lutheran churches were burned by the Tory and Indian forces under Johnson and Brant, Oct. 19, 1780. In 1788, Rev. D. C. A. Peck was called and a new stone church was built at a cost of $3,378, which was considered at that time the best church building west of Schnectady.

The Rev. Mr. Peck preached here in the German language but kept the records in English. In 1799 the adjoin-

ing parsonage was built and Rev. Isaac Labaugh became pastor, in connection with the Fort Plain church. The racial strains in the old Palatine district must have been much mixed, as the Rev. Labaugh was to preach in three different languages as follows: 'He shall preach two sermons in the German language; then one in English; then two again in German; then one in Low Dutch.' In 1803 this order was changed to two sermons in English instead of one, which is significant of the growth of the English language in the Mohawk valley. Rev. J. J. Wack preached here in German and English, from 1804 to 1828, also ministered to the Fort Plain church. His salary was $200 from each church, $1.00 for each marriage and 50 cents for each infant baptism"

After an unsuccessful effort with the pastor of this church I persuaded Norman W. Countryman, of Fultonville, N. Y., to go and search the three volume record of this church for Countrymans whom I thought some time might have been associated therewith. This search was made by him Aug. 15. 1823, with results, viz:

Johannes, daughter of Jacob Mathis and wife, Anna; born Aug. 30, 1768; baptized Sept. 14, 1768; witnesses, Johannes Gunterman und Anna Eva Mathis.

Peggy, daughter of Wm. Wohlgemuth and wife, Peggy; born June 9, 1789; baptized Aug. 6, 1789; witnesses Jean Jung (Young) und Peggy Cuntermann.

Anna N., daughter of Wm. Wohlgemuth mit Maria Cunterman; born July 31, 1791; baptized Aug. 7, 1791; witnesses Jacob Cunterman und Anna Wohlgemuth.

Hannes, son of Adam Gunterman und frau, Elizabeth; born Feb. 13, 1748; baptized Feb. 14, 1848 by Minister John Jacob Ehle; witnesses, Hannes Lipe und Margaretha Lipe.

N. Peter, born Mart. 4, 1792; witnesses, Johannes Josh. Schnell and Catherina Cuntermann.

Maria, daughter of Wm. Wohlgemuth and wife, Maria Cuntermann; born May 31, 1793; baptized June 2, 1793; witnesses, Barnet Keyser, Maria nx, ej.

Henrich N., son of Conrad Harth and wife, Appolonia Cunterman; born Aug. 25, 1792; baptized Sept. 2, 1792; witnesses, Henrich Harth, Applonia Snell.

George, son of Wm. Wohlgemuth and wife, Maria Cuntermann; born June 9, 1795; baptized Aug. 3, 1795; witnesses, George Kress, Margaretha, ng, ej.

John Adam, son of Conrd Hart und Applona Cuntermann; born Aug. 7, 1795; baptized June 20, 1796; witnesses, Adam Kilts, Betsy, nx, ej.

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Date, Feb. 9, 1789: Sebastion Scholl (Shaul) met Magdalena Cuntermann.

Date, Sept. 13, 1795: Martin Nestell met Catharina Cuntermann.

This record shows Adam Cuntermann an elder. This church, 1924, maintains a resident pastor.

Sand Hill, Now Fort Plain Dutch Reformed Church.

Excerpts from Greene.

"The Reformed Dutch Church of Canijoharie District now the Reformed Church of Fort Plain, was erected in 1750 on Sand Hill on the Dutchtown road. The German Palatines, who about 1720 settled in the town of Minden, at first located principally in the Dutchtown section. The road through that section led to Sand Hill and the Mohawk river. At this central point the German frontiersmen erected the first known house of worship in the Canajoharie district. The Rev. A. Rosencrantz was its pastor for the first eight years. This structure was of wood and in the rear was a burial ground, still to be seen in 1923. This church, with its records, was burned in the Tory and Indian raids of 1780. After the war, on the old cite was a new, large, well proportioned church edifice built, with gallery on three sides In 1783, Gen. Washington visited this section and the Otsquago valley and sixteen years later, 1799, at the time of

his death, very imposing funeral rites to his memory were held in this church. Dr. John Daniel Gros sevred this church after the war, up to 1788. The Rev. A. Christian Diedrich Peck, from 1788 to 1796. The Rev. Dr. Gros again from 1796 to 1800. The Rev. Isaac Labaugh from 1800 to 1803, also pastor of the Stone Arabia Reformed Church. The Rev. John J. Wack from 1803 to 1816. Tis reputed Dominie Peck left behind him the reputation of an unsurpassed orator and that Dr. Gros had been professor of moral philosophy in Columbia College. Rev. Wack was a man of commanding personal appearance, and a chaplain in the War of 1812."

Had we the records of the Sand Hill Church from the time of its organization, 1750 to 1780, when they were destroyed in the Indian raid, I think they would disclose the names of not a few Countrymans associated with that society. It seems that the Rev. John J. Wack associated as pastor with the Reformed Church at Sand Hill from 1803 to 1816, and with the Stone Arabia Reformed Church from 1804 to 1828, kept some personal records in two separate books, from which Norman W. Countryman, of Fultonville, N. Y., copied the following interesting information:

Adam Conterman, born Jan. 21, 1719, and died Dec. 22, 1802.

Marcus Conterman, born Oct. 21, 1720, and died Jan. 13, 1793.

Catharine Conterman, widow of Marks Conterman, born May 22, 1726, and died Jan. 21, 1812.

Frothingham's History of New York says: Anna Rosina Countryman, daughter of Conrad 1st, married John Pickard, and children were: Nicholas, born 1752; Anna, born 1754; Maria Margaret, born 1756; Jacob, Henry and John, Jr.

The Fort Plain Dutch Reformed Church, in 1924, is a very thriving and influential organization.

Births and names of parents as copied from the personal records of the Rev. J. J. Wack, of the Geisenburg and Dutch Reformed Churches, by Norman W. Countryman:

July 13, 1809, Catharine; parents, Adam Countryman and wife, Elizabeth.

May 22, 1810. Eva; parents, Adam Countryman and wife, Elizabeth.

Nov. 17, 1810, Maria; parents, Marks Countryman and wife, Catharine.

Jan. 14, 1812, Maria; parents, John Countryman and wife, Margaret.

July 29, 1813, Maria; parents, Adam Countryman and wife, Elizabeth.

Sept. 12, 1813, Anna; parents, Marks Countryman and wife, Catharine.

Feb. 6, 1814, Anna; parents, Samuel Countryman and wife, Catharine.

May 15, 1815, Barbara; parents, Adam Countryman and wife, Eliza.

March 1, 1815, Peter; parents, Marks Countryman and wife, Catharine.

April 1, 1815, Elizabeth; parents, John N. Countryman and wife, Anna.

Aug. 10, 1816, John; parents, John A. Countryman and wife, Catharine.

Oct. 20, 1816, Caty; parents, John M. Countryman and wife, Anna.

July 26, 1816, Anna; parents, Adam Countryman and wife, Elizabeth.

Feb. 24, 1817, John Henry; parents, Marks Countryman and wife, Anna.

June 15, 1817, John; parents, Adam Countryman and wife, Elizabeth.

Jan. 10, 1819, Adam; parents, John A. Countryman and wife, Margaret.

Jan. 10, 1819, Caty; parents, Marks Countryman and wife, Catharine.

May 31, 1819, Betsy; parents, Jacob Countryman and wife, Anna.

Nov. 2, 1820 Caty; parents, Samuel Countryman and wife, Elizabeth.

Feb. 25, 1825, Lucy; parents, Jacob Countryman and wife, Anna.

Dec. 29, 1825, Wm .Henry; parents, Henry Countryman and wife, Susanna.

Sept. 5, 1826, Abraham; parents, John A. Countryman and wife, Margaret.

Oct. 30, 1826, George William; parents, William Countryman and wife, Lena.

Aug. 12, 1818. Maria; parents, Samuel Countryman and wife, Elizabeth.

Jan. 17, 1829, Caty Maria; parents, John Countryman and wife, Nelly.

May 22, 1826, Jacob Henry; parents, Jacob Countryman and wife, Anna.

Jan. 16, 1830, Solomon; parents, Solomon Countryman and wife, Polly.

July 27, 1837, Jacob, parents, Anthony Countryman and wife, Christianna.

Aug. 7, 1836, Pamelia; parents, Henry Countryman and wife, Sylvannia.

April 9, 1835, John Henry; parents, Solomon Countryman and wife, Peggy.

July 5, 1837, Geo. Washington; parents, Solomon Countryman and wife, Peggy.

March 24, 1838, Jeremiah; parents, Abram Countryman and wife, Catharine.

March 6, 1838, Lucy Ann; parents, Anthony Countryman and wife, Tina.

May 19, 1839, Lydia; parents, Abram A. Countryman and wife, Mary Ann.

Jan. 21, 1841, Nancy C.; parents, Thomas A. Countryman and wife, Mary.

Indian Castle Church, Danube, Herkimer County, N. Y.

Excerpts from Greene & Lossing.

Indian Castle (Danube) Church was erected by Sir Wm. Johnson in 1760 for the Mohawks then residing there. It is said Samuel Clyde, later Colonel of the Canajoharie regiment of militia, superintended its construction. (I might inject here that ten or more Countrymans constituted a part of this regiment and that I have attended church services here and the church still standing, 1923.)

This Castle church and the Gen. Herkimer house constitute an interesting pair of pre-Revolutionary objects of the town of Danube. The state of New York in recent years purchased the Herkimer property with the cemetery, and have built a very imposing monument to his memory. Lossing says: "This church stood on land owned by the Sachem-Brant and that Christian missionaries were often entertained at his house before he took up the war hatchet. 'Tis said hostile Indians attempted to steal the bell to install as a souvenir in a new Indian church in Canada. In this they failed, as they forget to secure the clapper, and its clanging roused the German patriots of the neighborhood, who sallied forth and recovered the bell and returned it to its place."

In the town of Manheim Tryon, now Herkimer county, about three miles from Little Falls, was a considerable settlement with a church, blockhouse and mill, which was raided in April 1778. At this church are buried 35 Revolutionary soldiers. Before the war of independence a Dutch Reformed Church was organized in this same town. Their church building was burned during the Revolution but soon thereafter rebuilt. This is the only Revolutionary church society now in the town of Manheim.

Sand Hill Reformed Church, Now Fort Plain.

Copied from record now in Utica Public Library, deposited by Daniel Crouse, of Fort Plain.

Marriages

Feb. 9, 1790, Conrad Cunterman, son of Conrad Cunterman, to Catharine Miller, tochter of Gerhard Miller.

Jan. 26, 1791, Jean Dekier, son of Jean Dekier, to Anna Cunterman, tochter von Conrad Cunterman.

April 5, 1790, Heins Gardner, sohn von Johann Gardner, to Catherine Cuntermann, tochter von Conrad Cuntermann.

July 19, 1791, John Cunterman, son of Johann Counterman, son of Conrad 1st, mit Elizabeth Hock, tochter of Johann Hock.

March 27, 1791, Adam Knouts to Maria Elizabeth Cunterman.

Nov. 27, 1792, Frederick Cunterman to Ablonia Hauss.

May 26, 1793, Adam Cunterman to Elizabeth Deefendorff.

Aug. 27, 1793, John Gartner to Gertrand Cunterman.

Dec. 3, 1793, Henry Cunterman to Sally Conklin.

Feb. 1804, Daniel Tice to Catherine Countreman.

Sept. 14, 1806, Hassard Stedman to Betsy Countreman.

July 3, 1808, Godfried Young to Barbara Counterman

Oct. 14, 1817, Jacob Countreman to Nancy Keller.

Oct. 26, 1817, Jeremiah Benedict to Elisa Counterman.

June 28, 1818, David C. Young to Anna Countreman.

May 22, 1819, Frederick Harder to Elizabeth Countreman.

Dec. 19, 1819, Henry Counterman to Betsy Wallrad.

Dec. 12, 1822, Ulerick Deck to Elizabeth Conterman.

Oct. 10, 1824, Henry A. Countryman to Susan Dingman.

Aug. 1, 1824, Marks Conterman to Anna Wolkemuth.

Jan. 5, 1826, Phillip Cole to Mary Conterman.

Jan. 1, 1839, Godfrey Snyder to Catherine Conterman.

Feb. 10, 1822, Maria Counterman to Michael Helmer.

Oct. 5, 1819, Sarah Counterman to Joseph J. Snyder.

Feb. 10, 1807, John A. Conterman to Elizabeth Bronner. This last named should be Adam J., son of John A.

Copied from Records Now in Utica Public Library. Baptisms

—— 1815, Peter, son of Marks Countreman and wife, Catharine.

Oct. 1, 1815, Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Countreman and wife, Caty.

—— 1815, John, son of John Ad. Countreman and wife, Catharine.

—— 1816, Caty, daughter of John A. Countreman and wife, Margaret.

July 11, 1819, Caty, daughter of Marks Countreman and wife, Catharine.

Jan. 9, 1820, Betsey, daughter of Jacob Countreman and wife, Anna.

Jan. 26, 1823, Caty, daughter of Samuel Counterman and wife, Elizabeth.

Jan. 11, 1824, Rosanna, daughter of John Counterman.

July 18, 1824, Betsey, daughter of William Countryman and wife, Maria.

—— 1824, Caty Maria, daughter of John Countryman, Jr., and wife, Lena Pickard.

—— 1825, Wm. Henry, son of Henry Countryman and wife, Sussanna.

Oct. 4, 1827, Maria, daughter of Samuel Countryman and wife, Elizabeth.

Mar. 7, 1830, Solomon, son of Solomon Countryman and wife, Polly.

—— 1833, Anna, daughter of Jacob Countryman and wife, Anna.

—— 1834, Jacob, son of Anthony Countryman and wife, Christina.

—— 1836, Parmely Ann, daughter of Henry Countryman and wife, Sylvannus.

—— 1838, Lena Ann, daughter of Anthony Countryman and wife, Tina.

Copied from Geisenburg Lutheran Church Records at Farmers & Merchants Bank, Fort Plain, N. Y.

John, son of Johannus Backus and frau, baptized in 1793; witnesses, John M. Conterman and frau, Barbara.

Sabastian, son of Conrad Shimel and frau, Maria Conterman Shimel; baptized Jan. 1794; witnesses Antoine Conterman and frau, Magdalena Miller.

Petrus, son of Henrich Schaefer and frau, Maria Bezinger; baptized May 21, 1794; witnesses, Petrus Miller und Elizabeth Conterman.

Daniel, son of Johann Geo. Duncle und frau, Elizabeth Conterman; baptized April 1794; witnesses Johann T. Schmidt und Christina Conterman.

Christina, daughter of Isaac Pickert und frau, Magdalena, born April 1794; baptized May 1, 1794; witnesses George Pickert und Christina Conterman.

Ann Rosina, daughter of Jacob Contreman und frau, Margaretha; born May 9, 1794; baptized; witnesses, John George Conterman und frau, Regina Spracker.

Maria, or Mary, daughter of Johannus Conterman und frau, Elizabeth Hohck (Hoke); born Jan. 1794; baptized Jul 14, 1794; witnesses Antonias Conterman und Maria Hohck.

Henrich, son of Henrich Conterman und frau, Sally (Conklin); born Aug. 16, 1794; baptized; witnesses Frederick Conterman and frau, Ablonia Hauss.

Elizabeth, daughter of Abraham Conterman und frau, Catherina (Crouse); born Oct. 14, 1794; baptized; witnesses Johannus Conterman und frau, Elizabeth.

Catharina, daughter of Capt. Johannas Schneyder und frau, Margaretha Conterman; born May 17, 1795; baptized; witnesses Abraham Conterman und frau, Catharina (Crouse).

Sarah, daughter of Conrad Conterman und frau, Catharina Miller; baptized Aug. 3, 1795; witnesses Antonius Conterman und Magdalena Miller.

Abraham, son of Adam Conterman und frau, Maria; baptized Nov. 16, 1795; witnesses Capt. Johannus Schneyder und frau, Margaretha Conterman.

Frederick, son of Henrich Conterman und frau, Sally Conklin; baptized Dec. 18, 1795; witnesses Frederick Conterman und frau, Ablona Hauss.

Abraham, son of Johannus Schneyder und frau, Margargaretha Conterman; born April 29, 1795; baptized May 17, 1795; witnesses Abraham Conterman und frau, Catharina.

Christina, daughter of Martinus Conterman und frau, Leah; baptized Nov. 1796; witnesses Abraham Conterman und Catharina Stitts.

Jonas, son of Geo. Preis (Price) und frau, Catharine; baptized March 30, 1796; witnesses Catharine Conterman and Johannas Conterman.

Conrad, son of Frederick Conterman und frau, Ablonia Hauss; born May 9, 1796; baptized June 19, 1796; witnesses Johannas Conterman und frau, Elizabeth Hoke.

Catharina, daughter of Johannes Countryman und frau, Elizabeth; born Aug. 29, 1796; baptized Sept. 4, 1796; witnesses Johannas Schneyder und frau, Margaretha.

Catharina, daughter of Abraham Conterman und frau, Catharina Crouse; born Oct. 13, 1796; baptized Dec. 18, 1796; witnesses Henrich Gardner und frau, Catharina.

Wilhelm, son of John M. Conterman und frau, Barbara; born Jan. 10, 1797; baptized; witnesses Daniel Schneyder und Anna Wagner.

Abraham, son of Henrich Gardner und frau, Catharina; baptized 1797; witnesses Johannus Conterman und frau, Elizabeth.

John George, son of Henry Embody und frau, Leah;

baptized 1797; witnesses Johannus Conterman und frau, Elizabeth.

Christine, daughter of Johannus Young und frau, Margaretha; baptized 1797; witnesses Christina Conterman, widow of Jonas Wetmore.

Conrad, son of Conrad Conterman und frau, Catharine Miller; baptized Sept. 18, 1797; witnesses Jonas Coche und Maria Elizabeth Conterman.

James, son of John Maxfield und frau, Elizabeth; baptized; witnesses Henrich Conterman und frau, Sally.

Maria, daughter of John Adam Countryman und frau, Maria; born Feb. 12, 1797; baptized Feb. 19, 1797; witnesses Adam Keesler und frau, Maria.

Henrich, son of John George Conterman und frau, Regina Spraker; born March 7, 1797; baptized March 12, 1797; witnesses Henrich Dillenback und frau, Cathrine.

Nicholas, son of Johannus Angsbury und frau, Sussanna Countryman; born March 12, 1797; baptized April 16, 1797; witnesses Nicholas Conterman und frau, Anna Oathout.

Margaretha, daughter of Petrus und Eva Maria; baptized Sept. 9, 1797; witnesses Conrad Conterman und frau, Margaretha.

Maria, daughter of Phillip Fehling und frau, Margaretha; baptized Feb. 1798; witnesses Lorents Gross und Margaretha Conterman.

Christina, daughter of Jacob Conterman und frau, Margaretha; baptized Jan. 6, 1798; witnesses Christina Wetsomer, widow of Jonas Wetsomer.

Henrich, son of Henrich Conterman und frau, Sally; baptized May 10, 1798; witnesses John Adam Conterman und frau, Maria.

Abraham, son of Johannas Conterman und frau, Elizabeth; baptized July 16, 1798; died in infancy; witnesses Abraham Conterman und Catherine Schneyder.

Abraham, son of Abraham Conterman und frau, Catherina; born Oct. 23, 1798; baptized Nov. 4, 1798.

Johannas, son of Wm. Overacker und frau, Maria;

baptized Feb. 1799; witnesses Johannus Conterman und frau, Elizabeth.

John Adam, son of John Adam Conterman und frau, Maria; baptized April 12, 1799; witnesses Frederick Hohk und frau, Margaretha.

Elizabeth, daughter of Johannus Conterman und frau, Elizabeth; born July 12, 1799; baptized Aug. 4, 1799; witnesses, Nicholas Conterman und frau, Anna.

George, son of George Conterman 2d und frau, Regina; born March 4, 1799; baptized March 13, 1799; witnesses Jacob Copeman und frau, Catharina.

Jacob, son of Conrad Shimel und frau, Maria; born Jan. 6, 1800; baptized Jan. 19, 1800; witnesses Abraham Conterman und frau, Catharina.

Nicholas, son of Nicholas Conterman und frau, Ann Oathout; born Jan. 1, 1800; baptized Jan. 26, 1800; witnesses Johannus Conterman und frau, Elizabeth.

Philipus, son of Abraham Conterman und frau, Maria; born Sept. 18, 1800; baptized Sept. 21, 1800; witnesses Peter Weber und frau, Elizabeth.

Daniel, son of John Geo. Duncle und frau, Elizabeth; born Dec. 3, 1800; baptized Dec. 7, 1800; witnesses Daniel Conterman und Elizabeth Dunkel.

Catharina, daughter of John Geo. Conterman und frau, Regina; born Dec. 28, 1800; baptized Jan. 11, 1801; witnesses Jacob Copeman und Catharina Conterman.

Peter, son of Jacob Conterman und frau; born Dec. 30, 1800; baptized Jan. 11, 1801; witnesses Johnathan Pickert und Anna Conterman.

Catharina, daughter of Frederick Conterman und frau, Ablona Hauss; born July 7, 1800; baptized Feb .15, 1801; witnesses Thomas Grill (Crill) und frau, Margaretha.

Johannus, son of Johannus Conterman und frau, Elizabeth; born Aug. 8, 1801; baptized Aug. 9, 1801; witnesses Johannus Hock, Jr. und Catharina.

Elizabeth, daughter of John M. Conterman und frau, Barbara; born Feb. 24, 1802; baptized Feb. 28, 1802; witnesses Conrad Mathews und frau, Elizabeth.

Susanna, daughter of Fred Bachman und frau, Susanna; born Feb. 27, 1802; baptized April 25, 1802; witnesses Abraham Conterman und Elizabeth Saybel.

Johanna, daughter of George Conterman und frau, Elizabeth; born May 16, 1802; baptized June 6, 1802; witnesses Abraham Conterman und Rachael.

Peter, son of Conrad Conterman und frau, Catharina; born Aug. 6, 1802; baptized Aug. 8, 1802; witnesses Peter Miller und frau, Catharina.

Anna, daughter of Jacob Wagner und frau, Elizabeth; born Aug. 1, 1802; baptized Sept. 19, 1802; witnesses Nicholas Conterman und frau, Anna.

Maria, daughter of George Conterman und frau, Regina; born Oct. 26, 1802; baptized Nov. 21, 1802; witnesses Wm. Jenkens und Anna Conterman.

Anna, daughter of Henrich Conterman und frau, Sally Conklin; born Oct. 15, 1802; baptized Nov. 26, 1802; witnesses Lorents Hohok (Hoke) und Margaretha Conterman.

Daniel, son of Jacob Conterman und frau, Margaretha; born Jan. 11, 1803; baptized Jan. 30, 1803; witnesses Daniel Conterman und Anna Wagner.

Nichalos, son of Johnathan Pickert und frau, Rachael; born May 21, 1803; baptized June 1, 1803; witnesses Nicholas Conterman und frau, Anna.

Jacob, son of Johannas Conterman und frau, Elizabeth; born May 11, 1803; baptized July 24, 1803; witnesses Adam Schafer und frau, Delia.

Margaretha, daughter of John Young und frau, Margaretha; born July 24, 1803; baptized Aug. 7, 1803; witnesses Thomas Conklin und Anna Conterman.

David, son of Johannus Conterman und frau, Elizabeth (Hoke); born Oct. 14, 1903: baptized Oct. 16, 1803: witnesses Peter Resner und frau, Sara (Hoke)

Margaretha, daughter of Frederick Conterman und frau, Ablonia; born Aug. 6, 1803; baptized Dec. 11, 1803; witnesses Daniel Conterman und Maria Moyer.

Johann George, son of Christian Hawn; born Feb. 6,

1804; baptized Feb. 18, 1804; witnesses John Geo. Conterman und frau, Regina.

Johannus, son of John Gaertner und frau, Gertrant; born Jan. 6, 1804; baptized Jan. 6, 1804; witnesses Daniel Conterman und Maria Moyer.

Frederick, son of George Conterman und frau, Elizabeth; born Feb. 26, 1804; baptized March 11, 1804; witnesses John Casparus und Anna Haerter.

John Frederick, son of Abraham F. Conterman und frau, Catharina; born Feb. 27, 1804; baptized March 15, 1804; witnesses James Murphy und frau, Gertrant.

Nicholas, son of Abraham Conterman und frau, Catharina; born March 27, 1804; baptized April 29, 1804; witnesses Nicholas Conterman und frau, Anna.

Nicholas, son of Johannus Gross und frau, Sybilla; born April 30, 1804; baptized May 13, 1804; witnesses Nicholas Conterman und frau, Anna.

John, son of Johnathan Pickert und frau, Rachel; born May 8, 1804; baptized May 15, 1804; witnesses Johannus Conterman und Anna Wagner.

Anthony, son of Anthony Conterman und frau, Anna; born Sept. 8, 1804; baptized Sept. 9, 1804; witnesses Conrad Miller und frau, Christina.

Elizabeth, daughter of John Lamberth und frau, Eliz abeth; baptized Oct. 4, 1805; witnesses Thomas Crill und Margaretha.

Barbara, daughter of Johannus M. Conterman und frau, Barbara; born April 17, 1805; baptized May 15, 1805; witnesses Johannus Backus und frau, Magdalena.

Delia, daughter of Jacob Conterman und frau, Margaretha; born June 27, 1805; baptized July 7, 1805; witnesses David Augsbury und Delia Conterman.

John George, son of Daniel Conterman und frau, Maria Moyer; born Sept. 18, 1805; baptized Sept. 29, 1805; witnesses, Solomon Moyer und Anna Conterman.

Elizabeth, daughter of Conrad Conterman und frau, Catharina; born Sept. 9, 1805; baptized Sept. 29, 1805; witnesses Peter Hohk und Elizabeth Knouts.

George, son of Wilhelm Busch und frau, Margaretha: born Aug. 29, 1805; baptized Oct. 6, 1805; witnesses Godlieb Busch und Anna Conterman.

Johannus, son of Henrich Moyer und frau, Maria; bor nSept. 17, 1805; baptized Oct. 13, 1805; witnesses Johannus Conterman und frau, Elizabeth.

Sara, daughter of Abraham F. Conterman und frau. Catharina; born Oct. 3, 1805; baptized Oct. 13, 1805; witnesses Johannus Conterman und frau, Elizabeth.

Elizabeth, daughter of Johnathan Pickert und frau. Rachael; born Oct. 10, 1805; baptized Oct. 20, 1805; witnesses David Augsbury und Elizabeth Conterman.

Lea, daughter of Frederick Conterman und frau. Ablonia; born Nov. 2, 1805; baptized March 30, 1806.

Martinus, son of Jacob Sybel und frau, Martha; born Feb. 8, 1806; baptized March 15, 1806; witnesses Isaac Conterman und Catharina Hohck.

Rachael, daughter of Johannus Conterman und frau, Elizabeth; born March 27, 1806; baptized March 30, 1806; witnesses Sabastian Schall und frau, Magdalena Conterman.

Benjamin, son of Cornelius Wendel und frau, Elizabeth; born June 5, 1806; baptized June 8, 1806; witnesses Marcus Conterman und Rachael Schneyder.

Magdalena, daughter of Anthony Conterman und frau. Anna; born June 18, 1806; baptized June 29, 1806; witness Abraham Zollenger.

Joseph, son of John Geo. Conterman und frau, Regina Sprecker; born Jan. 7, 1807; baptized Feb. 15, 1807; witnesses Joseph Sprecker und frau, Cata.

Christina, daughter of Daniel Conterman und frau. Maria Moyer; born April 1, 1807; baptized April 12, 1807; witnesses Nicholas Moyer und Delia Conterman.

Maria, daughter of Anthony Conterman und frau. Anna; born Sept. 3, 1807; baptized Sept. 13, 1807; witnesses Jacob Wagner und Maria Kress.

Jacob, son of Jacob Conterman und frau, Margaretha; born Aug. 17, 1807; baptized Sept. 13, 1807; witnesses Johannus Hohck und frau, Catharina.

Jonas, son of Mathew Hohck (Hoke) und frau, Magdalena; born March 16, 1807; baptized May 17, 1807; witnesses John Adam Conterman und frau, Maria.

Jacob, son of Jacob Wagner und frau, Elizabeth; born Aug. 24, 1807; baptized Sept. 13 ,1807; witnesses Jacob Embody und Anna Conterman.

Solomon, son of Johann Ad. Conterman und frau, Maria; born Aug. 2, 1807; baptized Sept. 20, 1807; witnesses Abraham Conterman und frau, Catharina.

Peggy, daughter of Abraham Conterman und frau, Catharina; born Oct. 5, 1807; baptized Nov. 22, 1807; witnesses Christopher Hohck und frau, Peggy.

Rachael, daughter of John Snyder, Jr. und frau, Cath arina; born Nov. 16, 1807; baptized Nov. 22, 1807; witnesses John Conterman und Rachael Schneyder.

Johannus, son of Conrad Conterman und frau, Catharina; born Nov. 7, 1807; baptized Dec. 27, 1807; witnesses John Ad. Schaefer und frau. Delia.

John, son of John D. Young und frau, Margaretha; born Jan. 3, 1808; baptized Jan. 10, 1808; witnesses Henrich Lieber und Delia Conterman.

Peter, son of Johannus Conterman und frau, Elizabeth; born June 2, 1808; baptized June 5, 1808; witnesses Henry Wermuth und Anna Hohck.

Thomas, son of Geo. F. Conterman und frau, Elizabeth; born Aug. 13, 1808; baptized Sept. 21, 1808; witnesses Thomas Crill, Jr. und Maria Ford.

Maria, daughter of Philip Hohck und frau, Eva; born Sept. 13, 1807; baptized Jan. 10, 1808; witnesses John Ad Conterman und frau, Maria.

Margaretha, daughter of Johannes Augsbury und frau, Susanna; born Jan. 23, 1808; baptized March 6, 1808; witnesses George Conterman und frau, Regina.

Solomon, son of Abraham Conterman und frau, Catharina; born March 23, 1808; baptized June 6, 1808; witnesses John Schimel und Maria Conterman.

Gertrant, daughter of Daniel Conterman und frau.

Maria; born Dec. 6, 1808; baptized Jan. 1, 1809; witnesses John Reis und frau, Christina.

Anna, daughter of Anthony Conterman und frau, Anna; born March 6, 1809; baptized March 26, 1809; witnesses Johannes Monck und frau, Anna.

Johannes, son of Marcus Conterman und frau, Catharina; born Jan. 7, 1809; baptized Jan. 15, 1809; witnesses Peter Hohck und Margaretha Conterman.

Maria, daughter of Jacob Conterman und frau, Margaretha; born Oct. 10, 1809; baptized Oct. 25, 1809; witnesses Wm. Wohlgmuth und frau, Maria.

Anna, daughter of George Conterman und frau, Regina; born Oct. 29, 1809; baptized Dec. 14, 1809; Johannus Augsbury und frau, Sussanna Conterman.

David, son of John N. Conterman und frau, Anna; born Feb. 2, 1810; baptized March 11, 1810; witnesses Johann F. Eigenbrod und frau, Elizabeth.

Jacob, son of George F. Conterman und Maria Fort; born Dec. 25, 1809; baptized March 11, 1810; witnesses Peter Ward und frau, Margaretha.

Peter, son of Abraham Conterman und frau, Catharina; born Sept. 10, 1810; baptized Sept. 30, 1810; witnesses Peter Hohck und frau, Margaretha.

Maria, daughter of John Plank und frau, Anna; born Oct. 8, 1810; baptized Oct. 28, 1810; witnesses Daniel Conterman und frau, Maria.

Maria, daughter of Daniel Conterman und frau, Maria; born Jan. 18, 1811; baptized Jan. 27, 1811; witnesses Theobald Young und Sophia Moyer.

David, son of Anthony Conterman und frau, Anna; born Feb. 28, 1811; baptized March 17, 1811; witnesses Magdalena Kress und Goetner.

Polly, daughter of George F. Conterman und frau, Elizabeth; born Jan. 13, 1811; baptized Jan. 27, 1811; witnesses Abraham Schneyder und Elizabeth Keesler.

Amelia, daughter of John Lambert und frau, Elizabeth; born July 2, 1810; baptized Feb. 3, 1811; witnesses John F. Conterman und Hanna Watts.

Benjamin, son of John N. Conterman und frau, Anna; born Aug. 12, 1811; baptized Sept. 1, 1811; witnesses Chas. Eigenbrodt und Susanna Conterman.

Henrich, son of Conrad Conterman und frau, Catharina; born Aug. 8, 1811; baptized Sept. 29, 1811; witnesses Henry Gaertner und frau, Catharina.

Bastian, son of Christian Schimel und frau, Catharina Schall; born Sept. 3, 1811; baptized Sept. 14, 1811; witnesses Bastian Schall und frau, Magdalena Conterman.

Elizabeth, daughter of George Conterman und frau, Regina; born Oct. 10, 1811; baptized Dec. 29, 1811; witnesses Daniel Conterman und frau, Maria.

Margaretha, daughter of Adam J. Conterman und frau, Elizabeth; born Nov. 1, 1811; baptized Jan. 11, 1812; witnesses John Calomel und frau, Catharina.

Fanny, daughter of John Ruff und frau, Maria Conterman; born Dec. 27, 1811; baptized Jan. 26, 1812; witnesses Bastian Shall und frau, Magdalena.

Joseph, son of Abraham F. Conterman und frau, Cath arina; born Dec. 9, 1811; baptized Feb. 2, 1812; witnesses Joseph Haus und Maria Conterman.

Solomon, son of Johnathan Pickert und frau, Rachael; born April 11, 1812; baptized May 10, 1812; witnesses John Keywits und Susanna Conterman.

Rebecca, daughter of Johannes Conterman und frau, Elizabeth; born Sept. 11, 1812; baptized Sept. 27, 1812; witnesses Bastian Shall und frau, Magdalena.

Abraham, son of Nicholas Shimmel und frau, Maria Conterman; born July 8, 1812; baptized Jan. 21, 1812; witnesses Isaac Conterman und frau, Delia.

Sally, daughter of Daniel Conterman und frau, Maria; born Nov. 1, 1812; baptized Nov. 15, 1812; witnesses Johann George Conterman und frau, Regina.

Jonas, son of Jacob Conterman und frau, Margaretha; born Nov. 8, 1812; baptized Dec. 11, 1812; witnesses John Young und frau, Margaretha.

Catharena, daughter of Anthony Conterman und

frau, Margaretha; born Nov. 9, 1812; baptized Dec. 13, 1812; Abraham Conterman und frau, Catharina.

Maria, daughter of Isaac Conterman und frau, Delia; born Dec. 29, 1812; baptized Jan. 13, 1813; witnesses Renrick Shall und frau, Maria.

Nancy, daughter of George F. Conterman und frau, Elizabeth; born March 9, 1813; baptized June 12, 1813; witnesses Isaac Seller und Anna Knouts.

William, son of Jonas Dillenback und frau, Eva; born May 22, 1813; baptized June 27, 1813; witnesses Marcus Conterman und Anna Conterman.

Anna, daughter of John N. Conterman und frau, Anna; June 5, 1813; baptized June 27, 1813; witnesses Nicholas Conterman und Catharina Eigenbrodt.

Anna, daughter of Henrich Horning und frau, Margaretha; born July 23, 1813; baptized Aug. 8, 1813; witnesses Adam Conterman und Anna Conterman.

Anna, daughter of Henrich Walts und frau, Maria; born Sept. 27, 1813; baptized Oct. 17, 1813; witnesses Daniel Conterman und frau, Maria.

Maria, daughter of John Casperus und frau, Polly; born Oct. 27, 1813; baptized Jan. 2, 1814; witnesses John Adam Conterman und frau, Maria.

Hiram, son of Joseph Rath und frau, Margaretha; born Dec. 6, 1813; baptized Feb. 6, 1814; witnesses John Adam Conterman und frau, Maria.

Hiram, son of Abram F. Conterman und frau, Catharina; born Dec. 6, 1813; baptized Feb. 6, 1814; witnesses Frederick Held und frau, Sara.

Solomon, son of Regnatus Demuth und frau, Elizabeth; born March 16, 1814; baptized March 16, 1914; witnesses Johannus Conterman und frau, Elizabeth.

Peter Sedney, son of Peter Vrooman und frau, Ablona; born Feb. 4, 1814; baptized June 19, 1814; witnesses Henry Vrooman und Polly Conterman.

John, son of George F. Conterman und frau, Elizabeth; born July 20, 1814; baptized Aug. 3, 1814; witnesses, parents.

George, son of John Reis (Rice) und frau, Catharina; born July 24, 1814; baptized Sept. 11, 1814; witnesses John George Conterman und frau, Regina.

Daniel, son of Daniel Conterman und frau, Maria; born Oct. 3, 1814; baptized Oct. 23, 1814; witnesses Adam Walrath und frau, Elizabeth.

Johannes, son of Jost. Henrich Fox und frau, Maria; born Dec. 25, 1814; baptized Dec. 26, 1814; witnesses Johannes Conterman und frau, Elizabeth.

Isaac, son of Anthony Conterman und frau, Anna; born Jan. 15, 1815; baptized Feb. 12, 1815; witnesses Henrich Conterman und Catharine Miller.

Daniel, son of Johannes Conterman und frau, Elizabeth; born March 31, 1815; baptized April 29, 1815; witnesses Jacobus Bauder und Christina Hohck.

Margaretha, daughter of John Mabey und frau, Anna; born May 23, 1815; baptized July 6, 1815; witnesses Baldus Prehm und Elizabeth Conterman.

Margaretha, daughter of Daniel Conklin und frau, Maria; born Nov. 4, 1815; baptized Nov. 26, 1815; witnesses John Conterman und frau, Margaretha.

Jacob, son of Daniel Conterman und frau, Maria; born Feb. 3, 1816; baptized Feb. 11, 1816; witnesses Jacob Coopman und frau, Catharina.

Peter und Nicholas, twins, sons of John N. Conterman und frau, Anna; born May 26, 1816; baptized Sept. 6, 1816; witnesses Margaretha Moyer und Barbara Petten.

John Andres, son of John A. Dingman und frau, Margaretha; born Aug. 21, 1816; baptized Oct. 6, 1816; witnesses Henry Conterman und Cranckhite.

Mary Ann, daughter of Wilhelm Conterman und frau, Anna Knouts; born Sept. 21, 1816; baptized Oct. 7, 1816; witnesses David Gray und frau, Elizabeth.

George, son of Abraham Augsbury und frau, Christina; born Dec. 20, 1816; baptized Feb. 9, 1817; witnesses George Conterman und frau, Regina.

Elizabeth, daughter of Anthony Conterman und frau,

Anna; born Nov. 20, 1816; baptized Dec. 22, 1816; witnesses Jacob Walrath und frau, Anna.

Peggy, daughter of Marcus Conterman und frau, Catarina; born March 15, 1817; baptized April 20, 1817; witnesses William Conterman und Peggy Seeber.

Henrich, son of Henrich Horning und frau, Margaret; born Aug. 13, 1817; baptized Sept. 26, 1817; witnesses Marcus Conterman und frau, Anna.

Moses, son of Johan Conterman und frau, Elizabeth; born July 24, 1817; baptized Aug. 3, 1817; witnesses Jacob G. Schneider und frau, Catarina.

Jacob, son of Nicholas Cunterman und frau, Elizabeth; born March 25, 1817; baptized Jan. 16, 1818; witnesses, parents.

Nelson, son of Theba'd House und frau, Margaret; born Nov. 22, 1817; baptized March 1, 1818; witnesses Geo. Cunterman und frau, Catarina.

Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Rudolph Keller und frau, Susanna; born Oct. 11, 1817; baptized March 1, 1818; witnesses Jacob Keller und Elizabeth Cunterman.

Nancy, daughter of Barbary French und frau, Nancy; born Sept. 15, 1818; baptized Oct. 11, 1818; witnesses William Cunterman and Maria Yorden.

Adam, son of George F. Cunterman und frau, Elizabeth; born April 7, 1818; baptized Nov. 1818; witnesses Christopher Schamaker und frau, Elizabeth.

Elisabet, daughter of Peter Resner und frau, Sara (Hoke) Resner; born May 1, 1820; baptized May 20, 1820; witnesses Johann Cunterman und frau, Elizabeth (Hoke) Cunterman.

Elisabet, daughter of Marcus Cunterman und frau, Anna; born June 20, 1820; baptized July 23, 1820; witnesses Christopher Schamaker und frau, Elisabet.

Eva Maria, daughter of John Adam Cunterman und frau, Catarina; born June 10, 1820; baptized Aug. 6, 1820; witnesses Wilhelm Schal und frau, Eva.

Alexander, son of Henrich Cunterman und frau, Elizabet Walrad; born July 9, 1820; baptized Sept. 3, 1820; witnesses George Cunterman und Maria Freis.

Joseye, daughter of Peter Brunner und frau, Catarina; born Feb. 6, 1820; baptized Oct. 15, 1820; witnesses Johann E. Cunterman und frau, Margaret.

Peter, son of Peter Hock und frau, Margaret; born Jan. 7, 1821; baptized Feb. 4, 1821; witnesses Wilhelm Cunterman un dfrau, Maria.

Bekky, daughter of Wilhelm Cunterman und frau, Maria; born June 23, 1821; baptized July 6, 1821; witnesses Adam Jordan und frau, Beckky.

Daniel, son of Conrad Cunterman und frau, Catarina; born July 26, 1821; baptized Aug. 19, 1821; witnesses Daniel Walrath und Polly Udel.

Martin, son of Johann Cunterman und frau, Magdalena Pickert; born Nov. 9, 1821; baptized Dec. 26, 1821; witnesses Martin Pickert und Barbara Cunterman.

Abraham, son of Henrich Horning und frau, Margaret; born March 23, 1822; baptized May 27, 1822; witnesses Peter Cunterman und Anna Geiwits.

Jacob, son of George Moyer und frau, Susanna; born Nov. 25, 1821; baptized July 7, 1822; witnesses Johann Moyer und Maria or Mary Cunterman.

Peter, son of Johann P. Schneider und frau, Maria Elisabet; born May 3, 1822; baptized Aug. 18, 1822; witnesses Peter Cunterman und Margaret Miller.

Catarina, daughter of Marcus Cunterman und frau, Anna; born Sept. 5, 1822; baptized Sept. 29, 1822; witnesses Adam Cunterman und frau, Catarina.

Caty, daughter of Henrich Conterman und frau, Elizabet; born March 23, 1823; baptized May 11, 1823; witness, Die Kitern.

Henrich, son of Conrad Cunterman und frau, Catarina; born July 19, 1823; baptized Aug. 3, 1823; witnesses Anthony Cunterman und frau, Anna.

Rev. John Christopher Weiting was the first preacher of the Geisenburg Lutheran Church and preached to time of his death, Feb. 17, 1817. The Rev. John J. Wack also served

this church. The Rev. John Eisenlord was its last preacher, 1823. We have no further record of birth and baptisms in this church, it being abandoned about this time, as the Evan gelical Lutheran Church at Minden (Fords Bush) was organized a little later, as the records of that church show, with the Rev. John D. Lawyer as its first pastor. So the records of the Minden E. L. Church show memberships, births and baptisms of quite a number of Countrymans. It will be noticed the different ministers of the Geisenberg church spelled the name differently and that in the Minden church it is spelled the more modern way—Countryman.

The records of the Geisenburg church as given above belong to Jay E. Pickard, of Fort Plain, N. Y., who says there were earlier records that are lost.

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Minden, N. Y.

Copied from record on file in Farmers & Mechanics Bank, Fort Plain, N. Y., with later records given by its present clerk, Fayette Cronkhite. Rev. John D. Lawyer was its first pastor.

William, son of George Countryman 3d and his wife, Elizabeth; born Sept. 26, 1826; baptized May 20, 1827; witnesses, parents.

Geo. Alex. Wright, son of Jacob Wright and wife, Christina; witnesses David Moyer and Christina Countryman.

Betsey Sophia, daughter of Wm. Burger and Betsey, his wife; born Jan. 15, 1827; baptized July 1, 1827; witnesses John Adam Walts and Lana Countryman.

John, son of Peter Keesler and wife, Catharine; born Oct. 24, 1827; baptized Dec. 2, 1827; witnesses John A. Countryman and wife, Margaret.

Catharine E., daughter of Conradt Countryman and wife, Caty; born June 24, 1828; baptized July 13, 1828; witnesses Christopher Watts and Caty Vrooman.

Nancy, daughter of Jacob Snyder and wife, Sarah; born July 5, 1828; baptized July 27, 1828; witnesses Jacob Wittenger and Nancy Countryman.

Caty Margaret, daughter of John Moyer and Mary his wife; born June 4, 1826; baptized July 27, 1828; witnesses John Countryman and Caty Moyer.

Rebecca, daughter of John Wolcott and wife, Maria Anna; born Nov. 10, 1828; baptized Dec. 8, 1828; witnesses John M. Countryman and Rebecca Lewis.

Nancy Maria, daughter of David Pickard and wife, Mary; born March 20, 1829; baptized June 7, 1829; witnesses Anthony Countryman and Nancy Countryman.

Ezra, son of Daniel Bauder and wife, Betsey; born Dec. 30, 1829; baptized Feb. 4, 1830; witnesses Geo. Countryman and Lany Bauder.

Maria, daughter of Abraham Miller and wife, Magdalena; born Feb. 3, 1831; baptized March 20, 1831; witnesses John Countryman and wife, Peggy.

Jeremiah, son of John Countryman and wife, Lana; born March 6, 1831; baptized May 15, 1831; witnesses Wm. Countryman and wife, Mary.

William, son of John A. Countryman and wife, Margaret; born May 12, 1831; baptized Aug. 28, 1831; witnesses Abraham Miller and wife, Lany.

Mary, daughter of George Countryman 3d and wife, Elizabeth; born Dec. 31, 1830; baptized Oct. 16, 1831; witnesses, parents.

Fanny, daughter of Anthony Countryman and wife, Dinah; born May 22, 1832; baptized Sept. 25, 1832; witnesses Godfrey Snyder and Peggy Keesler.

Caty Maria, daughter of John M. Countryman and wife, Sally; born March 21, 1833; baptized April 16, 1833; witnesses, parents.

Martha, daughter of George Countryman, Jr. and wife, Elizabeth; born March 9, 1833; baptized June 6, 1833; witnesses, parents.

Confirmed the following persons, to-wit: Oct. 21st, 1827: Nancy Countryman and Lucy Ann Countryman.

Confirmed Nov. 26, 1829: Nancy and Maria Countryman.

1829, Communicant Members of Minden, to-wit: John I. Countryman and wife, Nancy; Margaret Countryman and Maria Countryman.

Eliza, daughter of George Countryman 3d and wife, Elizabeth; born May 3, 1838; baptized July 15, 1838; witnesses, parents.

Joseph, son of David Countryman and wife, Lovina: born Sept. 30, 1842; baptized Feb. 5, 1843; witnesses, parents.

Norman, son of Joseph Countryman and wife, Nancy: born Dec. 28, 1840; baptized Sept. 26, 1843; witnesses, parents.

(John) George Countryman 2d admitted to membership May 29, 1839. Regina, his wife, admitted to membership May 27, 1839.

George Countryman 3d confirmed May 27, 1839. His wife, Elizabeth, confirmed May 27, 1839.

Lydia Countryman confirmed May 27, 1839.

David Countryman confirmed June 2, 1842. Lovina, his wife, confirmed June 2, 1842.

William Countryman confirmed Sept. 1844.

Mary Countryman admitted to membership March 26, 1846.

Caty Countryman admitted to membership March 26, 1846.

Early resident ministers: Rev. John D. Lawyer, Rev. G. W. Hemperly, 1851 to 1859; Rev. N. Van Alstine, 1860 to 1870; Rev. Weber, Rev. Ford. Under these pastorates this was a flourishing organization. Conditions are such this 1924, they have no resident pastor.

Starkville Lutheran Church.

On the 19th day of February, 1831, a meeting was called to organize an Evangelical Lutheran Society at the house of John I. Contraman, Sr., in Starkville. A call was given to the Rev. Phillip Weiting, to preach for them once

a month at such time as was most convenient for him. At this meeting Isaac Contraman was elected an elder.

Members: Isaac Contraman and Delia Contraman, his wife; John I. Contraman Jr. and his wife, Nancy; Margaret Contraman, Betsey Contraman, Elizabeth Shall, Nicholas Contraman, Barbarah Contraman.

Feb. 20, 1835, Isaac Countryman elected trustee. Feb. 29, 1836, at a church meeting, John I. Countryman and John I. Countryman, Jr., present.

At church meeting Feb. 20, 1837, John I. Countryman, Jr. elected trustee.

May 10, 1839, David Countryman elected elder. Present at this meeting, David Countryman and John I. Countryman, Clerk.

May 9, 1840, Isaac Countryman present and John I. Countryman elected deacon for three years.

Nov. 14, 1839, at church meeting, Daniel Countryman and John I. Countryman, Jr. each agreed to draw a load of wood and Bro. Robinson, (Minister,) was to be at the expense of chopping the same.

June 11, 1842, Daniel Countryman was elected deacon for three years.

April 2, 1846, Daniel Countryman elected deacon for three years.

May 11, 1850, Daniel Countryman elected deacon for two years.

May 27, 1852, Daniel Countryman re-elected deacon for three years.

May 7, 1855, Daniel Countryman re-elected deacon for three years.

Daniel Countryman and Sally Countryman were confirmed and united with the church Sept. 27, 1839.

Catharine Countryman and Harriet Countryman united with the church March 7, 1841. Harriet married Rufus Ecker.

At a special meeting called July 5, 1844, a church member admitted to Daniel Countryman that he had been intoxicated at the last town meeting. He was expelled from

the church. Another at the same meeting had been heard to use profane language by Daniel Countryman. He also was expelled.

Levi, son of John I. Countryman and wife, Nancy Countryman; born Aug. 30, 1827.

Norman, son of John I. Countryman and wife, Nancy Countryman; born March 30, 1831.

James, son of Isaac Countryman and wife, Delia; born Oct. 28, 1831.

Martha, daughter of John and Betsey Countryman.

Matilda, daughter of David Petten and wife, Nancy (Countryman); born July 9, 1833; baptized Sept. 7, 1836; witnesses, parents.

David Osker, son of David Petten and wife, Nancy; born Feb. 4, 1835; baptized Sept. 7, 1836; witnesses, parents

This organization still extant, 1924.

Early ministers: Phillip Weiting, Wm. Ottman, W. H. Watson, Jesse Robinson, Rufus Smith, G. W. Hemperly, George Young, O. D. Markley, M. W. Empie.

From the foregoing church records we feel warranted in believing that the early generations of Countrymans in America were members of the Lutheran and Dutch Reformed churches. Today most of them are connected with some other Protestant denominations. Some have been undenominational in sentiment, worshiping and working with any and all Christians—exemplifying in spirit and praying for Christian and church unity.

U. S. Census of New York, 1790, Canajoharie District

	Heads of Family	Males Under 16 Years	Females Over 16 Years
Adam Countryman	2	1	4
John M. Countryman	2	1	3
Conradt Countryman	1		1
Marcus Countryman	1		3
John Countryman	3	2	5
George Countryman	2	3	6
Marks Countryman	2		3
John A. Countryman	1	2	3
Conrad Countryman	1	2	3

Ulster County, N. Y., 1790, Marbletown Township

Mathew Countryman	1		3
Frederick Countryman	3		2
Hendrick Countryman	1	2	1

Albany County, N. Y., Waterolet Twp.

Nicholas Countryman 2 2 4 Females

Pennsylvania Census, 1790, Bedford County

Jacob Cunterman 1 2 2

Northampton County, Pennsylvania Census, 1790

Frederick Countryman	1		2
Jacob Cuntryman	1	3	4
Henry Cuntryman	2	2	2

Philadelphia, Pa. Census, 1790

John Countryman	1	3	2

Fayette County, Pa. Census, 1790

Christian Countryman	1	3	3

Virginia Census, 1790, Rockingham County

Henry Cuntryman 8 White Souls

So. Carolina, Camden Dist., York County

Andrew Countryman	1		3
John Countryman	1	3	3

New York Rev. Roster (Rockford Library.

Conrad Countryman, private, Clyde Regiment, Deifendorf Company.

Coenraed Countryman, sergeant, Clyde Regiment, Leipe Company.

Coenraed Countryman, corporal, Clyde Regiment, Leipe Company.

Coenraed Countryman, private, Clyde Regiment, House Company.

Frederick Countryman, private, Clyde Regiment, Deifendorf Company.

George Countryman, lieutenant, 1st Regiment, Diefendorf Company.

John Countryman, ensign, 1st Regiment, Leipe Co.

John Countryman, private, 1st Regiment, Ruff Co.

John A. Countryman, private, 1st Regiment, Diefendorf Co.

John F. Countryman, private, 1st Regiment, Diefendorf Co.

John M. Countryman, private, 1st Regiment, Diefendorf Co.

Marks Countryman, private, 1st Regiment, Diefendorf Co.

Jacob Countryman, private, 2nd Regiment, Diefendorf Co.

Frederick Countryman, private, 2nd Regiment, House Co.

Fred Countryman, Clyde 2d Ulster Reg, July 31, 1780

John Kunterman, Klock Regiment ————

Nicholas Countryman was a pensioner. Regiment not mentioned.

Pennsylvania Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers.

Andrew Countryman, private, 6th Penn. Reg., Continental Line. P. 175. Penn. Archives 5th Series. Volume 3.

Andrew Countryman, private (?), Fourth Regiment Pennsylvania Continental Line. P. 134 Penn. Archives, Vol. 4. 5th Series.

George Countryman. Pa. County of Bedford. Henry Rhoades Capt. Dec. 10, 1777. Among Court Martial men. P. 65. Penn. Archives, 5th Series, Vol. V.

George Countryman. Pa. County of Bedford. Among Court Martial men. May 8, 1779. P. 8 0Penn. Archives, 5th Series. Vol. V.

Jacob Countryman. County of Northampton, Jenn. 7th Company. Captain Timothy Jane. Class 1st. Private Jacob Countryman. P. 435. Penn. Archives, 5th Series. Volume VIII.

John Countryman. Vol. III. P. 1094, 6th Series Penn. Archives. Militia Rolls 1783-1790. Philadelphia City. Private John Countryman.

John is understood from family tradition to have have been a soldier in the Revolutionary Army; to have crossed the Delaware river with the army then under command of General Washington, and to have made the march to Valley Forge.

The following names were found in "Revolutionary Soldiers of Virginia," published in 1912:

Henry Countryman, I. P., D58.

Benjamin Conderman, I. P.; D138.

The reference was explained in the front of the book as follows: "I. P. (followed by D and a numeral): Illinois papers referred to by D and a numeral. A collection of loose manuscripts, rolls of militia and regulars in the Illinois department."

Found in a supplement to Revolutionary Soldiers of Virginia," published in 1912:

Christian Countryman, W. D. 249.2

"W. D. War Department photographs of the payrolls of the Virginia Continental Line, referred to by folders (353 folders)

War Department, The Adjutant General's Office.

Washington, April 2, 1923.

Respectfully returned to Mr. John E. Countryman, Rochelle, Illinois.

The records of this office show that men surnamed Countryman or similarly surnamed served in the War of 1812 from the states mentioned in the letter herewith returned as follows: New York—Adam C., Anthony, Frank H., Isaac, Jacob A., John A., John G., John N., Henry and Samuel. Pennsylvania—Christian and Christopher.

Robert C. Davis, The Adjutant General.

Christopher Countryman. War of 1812. Vol. 8. P. 481 6th Series. Penn. Archives. Christopher Countryman, private. Capt. Daniel Oldenbergh Company. Muster roll of a company of infantry under the command of Capt. Daniel Oldenbergh in the service of the United States commanded by Col. C. C. Biddle of the First Regt. Penn. Vol. 8.

Christopher Countryman. War of 1812. Penn. Archives 6th Series Vol. 9. P. 181. Capt. Daniel Oldenberg's Co. Private Christopher Countryman. Miscellaneous papers. Pay master 1812-14.

Jacob Countryman. P. 661. Penn. Archives 6th Series Vol. 4. A return of officers in the militia of the Somerset Brigade. Major Jacob Countryman. Military Abstracts. Executive Minutes 1790-1817.

Henry Countryman, of Hilssboro, Ohio, son of Henry Countryman, a Revolutionary soldier of Virginia, was a soldier in 1812 from Ohio.

Pensions

The following appears in the U. S. Pension Roll, published in 1835: Conrad Countryman, Montgomery Co., N. Y., died in 1817.

Statement of Herkimer Co., N. Y.: Frederick Countryman, private, annual allowance, $96.00; sum received, $1057.03; description of service, New York Line; placed on pension roll, Jan. 13, 1824; commencement of pension, Mar. 1, 1823; age, 77.

Statement of Otsego Co., N. Y.: John Countryman, private; annual allowance, $96.00; sum received, $799.13; description of service, New York Line; placed on pension roll, Sept. 21, 1818; commencement of pension, April 13, 1818; age, 73; died, Aug. 9, 1826.

Statement of Schoharie Co., N. Y.: Jacob Countryman, private; annual allowance, $96.00; sum received, $514.18; description of service, New York Line; placed on pension roll, Oct. 12, 1819; commencement of pension, Sept. 17, 1819; age, 60; died, Jan. 25, 1825.

V. "Tryon County Militia (Land Bounty Rights) First Regiment Enlisted Men": Adam Conderman, Conratt Conderman, John Conderman, Marx Conderman, George Conterman, Jacob Conterman, John A. Contreman.

VII. "Albany County Militia (Land Bounty Rights) Third Regiment Enlisted Men": Johannes Conterman.

California Civil and Sanish American.

We have your letter of recent date in which you request certain data which would be of assistance in your efforts to genealogize the Countryman family. We find, after a careful scrutiny of our records, that we can contribute two names, Charles T. and Josiah Countryman.

Charles T. Countryman enrolled in Company L, 8th Infantry, California U. S. Volunteers, June 22, 1898, at Marysville, California. He was mustered into Federal ser-

vice for the Spanish-American War on July 7, 1898. He was mustered out of Federal service at Angel Island, California, on January 28, 1899, with the rank of Wagoner.

Sergeant Josiah Countryman, we find, enlisted and was mustered into Federal service at San Francisco, California, on September 21, 1861, in Company C., 2nd Cavalry, California U. S. Volunteers. He was honorably discharged at Fort Crook, Humboldt County, California, on October 13, 1864, with the expiration of his term of service.

Very respectfully,
J. J. Borree, The Adjutant General.

Indiana Civil War Soldiers.

James Countryman (Ricruct) mustered into service at Jeffersonville, Ind., March 13, 1865, for one year in the 66th Regt. (unassigned) and was transferred to Co. I, 59th Regt., May 30, 1865, age 24 years. Mustered out of service at Louisville, Ky., July 17, 1865.

Peter Countryman enlisted Set. 23, 1861, at Waterloo, Ind., and was mustered into service Nov. 22, 1861, at Ft. Wayne, Ind., by Lt. Stansbury, Co. F, 44th Regt., age 26 years. Discharged at expiration of service, Nov. 22, 1864.

Ludwig Countryman enlisted Sept. 23, 1861, at Waterloo, Ind., in Co. F. 44th Regt., and mustered into service Nov. 22, 1861, at Ft. Wayne, Ind., Lt. Stansbury, age 28 years. Mustered out of service at Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 14, 1865. Veteran Jan. 9, 1864.

James Monroe Countryman served in the 12th Indiana Cavalry, Company F.

Illinois Vol. Civil War.

James Countryman, 8th Cav., Franklin Grove, re-enlisted as a veteran.

Charles Countryman, 9th Cav., Monroe, discharged.

Frank Countryman, 11th Cav., Monmouth, E., Nov. 61, re-enlisted as a veteran.

Geo. W. Countryman, 12th Cav., Monroe, E., Dec. 20, 1861, deserted March, 1862.

Wm. H. Countryman, 12th Cav., Monroe, E., June 17, 1862.

Adam Countryman, 92nd Cav., Freeport, killed at Statesboro, Ga., Oct. 26, 1862.

Wm. Countryman, 103 Inft., Lewiston, enlisted August 6, 1862.

Conrad Countryman, 1st Cav., Monmouth, enlisted April 24, 1861, mustered out July 14, 1862.

Joseph Countryman, 10th Inft., Plainfield, enlisted April 19, 1861, mustered out July 29, ——

Darias Countryman, 15th Inft., Marengo, enlisted Sept. 11, 1861, re-enlisted as veteran in 1863. Vet. prisoner of war transferred to Co. C., Vet. Battalion.

Solomon Countryman, enlisted Aug. 14, 1862, 74th Inft., mustered out April 11, 1863, disabled.

Irving J. Countryman, enlisted Feb. 4, 1865, 146th Inft., mustered out June 20, 1866.

James Countryman, enlisted Jan. 1st, 1864, 8th Cav., mustered out July 17, 1865, as corporal.

Orrin Conderman, died in Civil War.

Byron A. Patten, son of Nancy Countryman Patten, three years in Civil War, 105 Ill. Inft.

Iowa Vol. U. S. Civil War.

James W. Countryman, age 18. Residence, Linn Co., nativity, N. Y. Enlisted Aug. 31, 1864. Mustered out July 17, 1865. Savannah, Ga. Co. K, 24th Inft., Iowa.

Jacob Countryman, Maquoketa, Iowa. Nativity, N.Y.

Enlisted Aug. 10, 1861. Mustered out Set. 23, 1864. Co. A, 9th Inft., Iowa.

Alex. Countryman, Madison, Nativity, N. Y. Age 34. Enlisted Aug. 15, 1862. Died of disease March 3, 1863, at Helena, Ark. Buried in Mississippi River National Cemetery Miss., Tenn. Sec. 3, Grave 611. Co. K, 24th Inft., Iowa.

Found in the "War of Rebellion," Series III, Vol. V, A Comprehensive History. "List of persons who put in representative recruits and names of recruits"

Iowa 2d District—Principal, Robert Smyth; Recruit, James Countryman, Co. K, 24th Inft.; date of call, July 18, 1864.

Michigan Vol. Civil War.

Daniel Countryman, Co. K, 9th Mich. Inft., re-enlisted in the 28th, served to close of war.

George Countryman, Co. H, 18th Mich. Inft.

Isaac Countryman, Co. D, 15th Mich., Inft., mortally wounded at Shiloh.

Jacob H. Countryman, Co. H, 18th Mich. Inft.

Joel Countryman, Co. H, 18th Mich. Inft.

John H. Countryman, Co. G, 1st Mich. Sharpshooters

Joseph Countryman, Co. I, 5th Mich. Inft.

Joseph Countryman, Battery M, 1st Light Artillery.

Daniel, Isaac and Joseph were brothers. Joseph was killed at Fredericksburg.

Civil War List, State of Minnesota.

Chas. C. Countryman, residence not given. Born in New York. Age 22. Private Co. K, 1st Minn. Vol. Inft. Mustered May 22, 1861. Ft. Snelling. Three years. Transferred Nov. 3, 1862 at Bolivar, Va. to 7th U. S. Inf. Wounded at Antietam.

Peter F. Countryman, residence Nininger. Born in New York. Age 35. Private Co. D, 2d Minn. Vol. Inf. Mustered March 2, 1865. St. Paul. One year. Mustered out June 19, 1865, Washington, D. C.

Levi N. Countryman, residence Nininger. Born in New York. Age 32. Private Co. D, 2d Minn. Vol. Inf. Mustered March 2, 1865. St. Paul. One year. Mustered out July 7, 1865. Washington, D. C. Corporal, May 1, 1865.

Willis Countryman, residence Hastings. Born in New York. Age 18. Private Co. F, 3rd Minn. Vol. Inf. Mustered Nov. 8, 1861. Ft. Snelling. Three years. Re-enlisted December 20, 1863. Mustered out Sept. 2, 1865, at Devalls Bluff, Ark. account close of war.

John S. Countryman, residence Nininger. Born in New York. Age 28. Private Co. F, 3rd Minn. Vol. Inf. Mustered Aug. 24, 1864. St. Paul. One year. Mustered out July 28, 1865, at Jacksonport, Ark.

Martin H. Countryman, residence Hastings. Born in New York. Age 21. Private Co. F, 7th Minn. Vol. Inf. Musrolled Aug. 2, 1862. Ft. Snelling. Three years. Mustered Oct. 3, 1862. Camp Reliease. Mustered out Aug. 16, 1865, at Ft. Snelling, account close of war.

Edward C. Countryman, residence Rockford. Born in New York. Age 43. Private Co. C, 1st Minn. Mounted Rangers. Enrolled Sept. 26, 1862. Ft. Snelling. One year. Mustered Oct. 18, 1862. Ft. Snelling. Mustered out Oct. 31, 1863, at Ft. Snelling, account expiration of term.

John S. Countryman, residence not given. Age 26. Private Co. H, 1st Minn. Vol. Inf. Enrolled April 29, 1861. Ft. Snelling. Three months. Muster out not given.

State of New York, Bureau of War Records.

To John E. Countryman, Rochelle, Ill.

1. Rosters of soldiers in New York State organizations in the War of 1812 and Civil War are on file in this of-

fice. There are no records in this office of the Revolutionary War.

2. On account of the limited clerical service and the large amount of routine work in this office, records for genealogy purposes can not be furnished.

For The Adjutant General.
By Wm. A. Saxton, Chief, Bureau of War Records.

Had to resort to other sources for list, viz. (J. E. C.)

New York Civil War Volunteers.

Ira Countryman, lost in Civil War. Jarome Countryman, a brother, Co. B, Bakers 1st Reg.

Martin E. Countryman enlisted Seneca county, N. Y.

Abram Conterman, lieutenant, Oswego county, N. Y., 147 N. Y. Vol.

Amos B. Countryman, Jefferson county, N. Y.

Joseph Countryman, Co. G. 56 N. Y. Inft., enlisted Oct. 28, 1861. Mustered out Dec. 9, 1862.

Jarome Countryman, New York City, Co. B, 65th N. Y. Vol., Aug. 3, 1861 to Sept. 2, 1862.

David F. Countryman, Co. K, 86th N. Y. Vol., Aug. 30, 1861, wounded Nov. 27, 1863. Discharged Sept. 9, 1864.

Alfred Conderman, Calon, Steuben Co., N. Y., 141st Regiment.

Samuel H. Conderman, Fremant, N. Y., 141st Reg.

James Countermine, Co. I. 134 Inft., transferred to Co. D, 102 Inft.

Jeremiah P. Countryman, enlisted June 4, 1864, and mustered out Sept. 9, 1865. 2nd N. Y. Heavy Artillery. Died April 21, 1918.

Joel Countryman, 3rd Batallion, Black River Artillery. Enlisted at Montigue, Aug. 5, 1862; transferred to veteran reserve corps Feb. 17, 1864.

Chas. F. Counterman, Co. E. 140 N. Y. Inft. Enlisted at Schenectady, N. Y.

Alfred Countryman, Co. D. 141 Reg. N. Y. Vol., Aug. 16, 1862. Died of typhoid fever July 14, 1863.

Paul Countryman, enlisted Dec. 15, 1863. Mustered out Aug. 9, 1865. 2nd N. Y. Heavy Artillery.

Joseph Countryman, 20th Cav., Jefferson Co., N. Y.

Charles Mortimer Bradt, husband of Julia Countryman Bradt. 1st Lieutenant in 121st Reg. N. Y. Volunteers, Herkimer, Herkimer Co., N. Y.

Robert H. Countryman, Co. A, 120 N. Y. Vol. Captured in action. Died of starvation in Confederate prison Aug. 9, 1869.

Jacob Countryman, Co. C, 120 N. Y. Vol. Enlisted Aug. 11, 1862. Wounded in action July 2, 1863, at Gettysburg. Transferred to veterans corps.

James W. Countryman, (Rosendale,) enlisted Sept. 8, 1863. Wounded Feb. 20, 1864. Died April 4, 1865, at Ft. Monroe.

Jadua Countryman, enlisted July 20, 1862, at St. Johnsville. Killed by explosion at Ft. Fisher. 115 Reg., Montgomery Co., N. Y. Vol.

Charles T. Countermine, Co. H, 134 N. Y. Enlisted at Duanesburgh, Sept. 22, 1862. Discharged Jan. 16, 1863.

William Countermine, Co. H, 134 N. Y. Transferred to Co. I, Sept. 22, 1862. Mustered out June 10, 1865.

Solomon Hollenbeck, son of Betsey Countryman Hollenbeck, of Stark, Herkimer Co. Died in hospital at Annapolis, Md., Sept. 7, 1864.

Isaac Backus, son of Rebecca Countryman Backus, of Russia, Herkimer Co., was killed in Civil War.

State of Ohio, Adjutant General's Department, Columbus.

Mr. John E. Countryman, Rochelle, Ill.

Replying to your request of March 19th, 1923. The following are the given names, company and regiment of all Ohio soldiers in the Civil War, whose surname is Countryman.

Martin, 24th Ind. Battery L. A. Enlisted at Cincinnati, Ohio, October 8, 1862. Discharged June 24, 1865.

Noah, Co. E. 1st Regt. H. A. Enlisted at Locust Grove, Ohio, August 22, 1862. Died May 9, 1865 at Knoxville, Tenn.

Henry, Co. G. 1st Regt. Vet. Vol. Engineers. Enlisted Aug. 22, 1862. Discharged June 30, 1865.

Owen S., Co. I, 89 Regt. O. V. I. Enlisted at Hillsboro, Ohio, Aug. 22, 1862, transferred to Vet. Reserve Corps.

Chas. H., Co. E. 125 Regt. O. V. I. Enlisted at Mansfield, Ohio, Oct. 25, 1862. Discharged July 20, 1864, for disability.

Michael, Co. G, 162 O. V. I. Enlisted in Darke Co., Ohio, May 2, 1864. Discharged Sept. 2, 1864.

The name of Countryman does not appear on the rolls of Ohio soldiers in the war with Spain.

Very respectfully.
Frank D. Henderson, Adt. Gen. of Ohio

Pennsylvania Volunteers in Civil War.

Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions, Apr. 17, '24

Isaac Counterman, I 186, Pa. Inft. Address on March 2, 1914, Marshalls Creek, Pa.

Daniel Counterman, G 142, Pa. Inft. Died Aug. 29, 1898, Tobyhanna, Pa.

Philip Countryman, C and I, 104 Pa. Inft. Died at Bevans, Pa., Feb. 4, 1916.

James Counterman, G 142, Pa. Inft. Died May 27, 1864 at Fairfax, Va.

Joseph W. Countryman, A 199, Pa. Inft. Died at Camden, N. J., May 28, 1882.

Jonas Countryman, F 145 and A 53, P. Inft. Died at Oklahoma City, Jan. 18, 1922.

James Countryman, A 52, Pa. Inft. Died at Morris Island, S. C., Nov. 24, 1864.

Francis J. Countryman, E 171, Pa. Inft. Last known address, Jamestown, Pa.

Adam Countryman, D 101, Pa. Inft. Died in Dauphin county, Pa., in 1891.

Wisconsin Volunteers, Civil War, 1861-1865.

Joseph Countryman, private, Co. K, 44th Inft.

Joseph Countryman, private, Co. D, 3rd Inft.

Samuel Countryman, private, Co. C, 45th Inft.

Solomon Countryman, private, 4th Batt.

Wm. C. B. Countryman, private, Co. I, 47th Inft.

Elias H. Countryman, corporal, Co. K, 14th Inft.

Henry Countryman, private, Co. A, 33d Inft.

J. Watkin Countryman, private, Co. A, 33d Inft.

Elias, Henry and J. Watkins were brothers, born in Ulster Co., N. Y. The father of these three veterans was Cornelius Countryman, born in Ulster Co., N. Y., in 1799.

Spanish American War.

Roster of Iowa Soldiers.

Charles C. Countryman, Co. I, 50th Inf. Residence, Birmingham. Nativity, Iowa. Enlisted April 28, 1898, as musician. Mustered May 17, 1898. Mustered out Nov. 30, 1898, at Des Moines, Iowa.

Spanish American California U. S. Volunteers.

Charles T. Countryman enrolled in Co. L, 8th Inft., California U. S. Volunteers, June 22, 1898, at Marysville, Calif. He was mustered into Federal for the Spanish-American War on July 7, 1898. He was mustered out of Federal service at Angel Island, Calif., on Jan. 28, 1899, with rank of Wagoner.

State of Minnesota, Adjutant General's Office, St. Paul.

The records of this office show only one soldier by the name of Countryman in the Spanish War from this state, as follows:

Willie E. Countryman, residence Minneapolis, Minn. Born at Hastings, Minn. Age 26. Private Co. I, 15th Minn. Vol. Inf. Enrolled July 2, 1898, Minneapolis. Mustered July 16, 1898, Camp Ramsey, Minn. Mustered out March 27, 1899 at Camp McKenzie, Augusta, Ga.

Illinois

O. D. Talbot, grandson of Nancy Countryman Patten, enlisted April 27, 1898, in C). M., 3d Ill. Reg. Discharged Jan. 19, 1899.

World War Soldiers.

Robt. Nicholas Countryman was in the 2nd Conn. Inft., U. S. A., on Mexican border in 1916 and with the Headquarters Detachment (Corporal) 12th Div. U. S. A. at Camp Devans, Mass., during World War.

Elliott Howell, Jr., son of Sarah Louise Countryman Howell, saw service in the World War with the Marines 2d Div., A. E. F., from Chateau to Coblentz. Three times decorated for distinguished service under fire. New Haven, Conn.

Clair J. Conderman, of Fremont, Steuben Co., N. Y., son of Allison, was a World War veteran. 16 days on front

line. Was wounded and now carries a piece of shell under his heart.

J. D. Countryman, 18th Co., 20th Div. Engineers, A. E. F., sailed for France, Oct. 27. Armistice, Nov. 11. Was about last called home. Moville, Iowa.

Frank A. Countryman, Regimental Buglar, Chicago. Lawrence Countryman, Co. C., Chicago. These brothers both married at Great Lakes Training Station.

Carlos Calvin Slafter, son of Lillie Countryman Slafter, enlisted Aug. 16, 1917, in the 5th Neb. Reg. Landed in France, July 10, 1918. Returned to U. S., Sept. 5, 1919, and mustered out at Camp Dodge, Iowa, Sept. 25, 1919.

Edmund Slafter, son of Lillie Countryman Slafter, of Lincoln, Neb., enlisted Dec. 10, 1917. Went overseas July 26, 1918. Returned to U. S., June 22, 1919. Mustered out July 9, 1919.

John C. Craft, son of Ida Countryman Craft, entered service at Camp Grant, Ill., Sept. 21, 1917. Was corporal, sergeant and first sergeant. Embarked Sept. 9, 1918. Returned to U. S., June 6, 1919. Discharged at Camp Grant, Ill., June 21, 1919.

Wm. Norman Countryman, of Rochelle, Ill., enlisted as an ordinary seaman for coast defense, March 23, 1918. Was honorably discharged at close of war.

Arthur T. Guest, son of Minnie Countryman Guest, enlisted in Ogle county, Illinois, Jan. 17, 1918. He was promoted to corporal, sergeant, sergeant 1st class and ordnance sergeant. Honorably discharged at Camp Grant, March 15, 1919.

Lieut. Lester Miller, son of Minnie Countryman Miller, was in U. S. service from June 1, 1916 to 1919. Overseas 13 months. Ottumwa, Iowa.

Oliver Countryman, of Ottumwa, Iowa. In regular army, Spanish-American war and World War. Son of Michael Countryman.

Vaughn Davis, son of Nancy Countryman Davis, in World War, 1918. DeKalb county, Indiana.

Dale Davis ,son of Nancy Countryman Davis, in the World War, 1918. DeKalb county, Indiana.

Earnest Ambrose Countryman, son of Atty. A. D. Countryman, Appleton, S. Dak. 2d Lieut. in 20 M. E. 311 Supply Co., national army. Overseas, 1918.

Hobert Ruge, son of Lulu Countryman Ruge. 136 Inft., U. S. army, in June, 1918.

Maurice Bradt, son of Julia Countryman Bradt. Ensign in U. S. navy, World War. St. Charles, Mich.

Lawrence V. R. Bradt, son of Julia Countryman Bradt. Served in A. E. F. during World War in aero division

Marcellus L. Countryman, Jr. During World War was commissioned lieutenant in the regular army and promoted to captain. St. Paul, Minn.

Roger S. Countryman served a short time during the World War, as private. St. Paul, Minn.

Donald F. Countryman, during war, engaged in Y. M. C. A. work, then enlisted in the naval aviation service, became ensign and remained in that service as aviation instructor until spring of 1922.

Howard Walts, son of Grace Countryman Walts, in World War service from Pamelia, Jefferson county, N. Y.

Irving B. Countryman, of Dixon, Ill., entered U. S. service June 24, 1918, at Camp Grant, Ill. Was assigned to the 161st Depot Brigade, later transferred to an ambulance company, 33d Engineers, Black Hawk Division . Then to Harlem Plant of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation at Wilmington, Delaware. In Oct. 1918 he was again called to active service at Camp Dix, N. J. There was assigned to 70th Co. Inft, what was to be a new division. At Camp Dix his application for Officers Training Camp was approved and the signing of the armistice stopped his obtaining his commission. Was discharged at Camp Grant, Dec. 18, 1918.

Guy A. Countryman, of Ashland, Ohio, enlisted for naval service May, 1917, and was called into service Jan. 27, 1918. To the Great Lakes Training Station, Chicago. He was in government service eight months, when armistice was signed.

Frederick Elston, son of Alice Countryman Elston, of Trenton, N. J., served overseas in World War in the 27th Division.

C. R. Countryman, Wyoming, Iowa

Howard Countryman, Wyoming, Iowa

Ralph Harrison Countryman, of San Francisco, Cal., was drowned in the Appomatox river, Virginia, Dec. 4, 1820. Served as captain in the 62d U. S. Inft. Stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia.

Wm. Arthur Countryman, Hartford, Conn., served in Red Cross at Camp Tyler, Louisville, Ky.

John Edgar Countryman, Grafton, N. Dak., enlisted in January 1918. Served in France with evacuation hospital, rank of major. Discharged May, 1919.

Albert N. Countryman, Fort Plain, N. Y.

Forrest Moore, son of Alta Countryman Moore, served in the 44th Ohio Inft., 4th Div. 16 months service overseas.

Loyd A. Countryman, of Nampa, Idaho, was in the S. A. T. C. service from Oct. 1st, 1918 to Dec. 7, 1918. Enlisted at Salina, Kansas, at the age of 18.

Wilbur A. Lazier, son of Alice Countryman Lazier, was in the S. A. T. C. service at Illinois University from October to the signing of the Armistice, Nov. 11, 1918. He was appointed 2d Lieut., Chemical Warfare Service, March 6, 1925.

Court and Probate Records

February 7, 1924.

Mr. John E. Countryman, Rochelle, Ill.

Dear Sir: In the probate proceedings held in Montgomery county, before Surrogate Christopher P. Yatts, on the 27th day of January, 1786, it is reported in the minutes of the Court, that one of the Executors having died and the other renounced his appointment, the Court ordered that John F. Contryman, a son of Frederick Contryman, deceased, be appointed Administrator with the Will annexed and he filed a bond and was duly appointed.

Very truly yours, Walter J. Carley.

This Will Recorded in Albany County, N. Y.

In the Name of God, Amen. I Frederick Couderman, of Conajohary District in the County of Tryon, Yeoman being through the abundant Mercy and Goodness of God, in good Health of Body but calling to Mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die, do make and ordain this, my Last Will and Testament, and direct it may be received by all as such. Imprimes I most humbly bequeath my Soul to God, my Maker, beseeching his most gracious Acceptance of it through the all sufficient Merits and Mediation of my most compassionate Redeemer, Jesus Christ, who gave himself to be an Atonement for my Sins and is able to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make Intercession for them, and who I trust will not reject me, a returning penitent Sinner, when I come to him for Mercy, in this Hope and Confidence I render up my Soul with Comfort, humbly beseeching the most blessed and glorious Trinity, one God most holy, most merciful and gracious, to prepare me for the time of my Dissolution and then to take me to himself unto that Peace and Rest and incomparable Felicity which he has prepared for all that love and fear his holy name, Amen,

blessed be God. And my Body I give to the Earth from whence it was taken in full Assurance of its Ressurection from thence at the last Day, and my Burial I desire it may be decent, without any Pomp or State at the Discretion of my dear Wife and Executors hereinafter named who I doubt not will manage it withall requisite Prudence. As to my temporal Estate I will, and positively order, that all my just Debts shall be paid.

Item. I give to my Son, Johannes, by Reason of his Primogeniture, the Sum of five Pounds New York Currency, to be levied out of my Estate and paid to him after my Decease, by my son, Frederick.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son, Frederick, and to his Heirs and Assigns forever, all my Lands and Tenements whatsoever, together with my Horses, Cows and other Creatures, with all and singular my Utensils and Implements whatsoever, charging him with the Payment of my Debts and maintaining of my Dear Wife during her Widowhood, according to his Ability, and to bring up my other Children, and my Sons at the years of Capacity to be put to Trades, each One according to his Choice, but if any of my children go to live with other Persons during their Minority, he shall not be liable to maintain them.

Lastly, I do nominate, appoint and constitute my trusty and well beloved Friends, Conrad M. Conterman and Nicholas J. Pickard, to be Executors of this, my last Will and Testament, to see the same performed. And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disavow all and every other former Testament Wills, Legacies and Bequests, and Executors by me in any ways before named, will and bequeathed, Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the ——Day of July, Anno Domini, one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight.....

Frederick Cunderman (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared

by the said Frederick Conderman as his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us, the Subscribers.

Marcus Conderman
Friedrick Wallratha
John Pickard

The Will of Adam Conderman.

(Oldest Son of Conradt 1st.)

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In the name of God, Amen, I, Adam Conderman, of the town of Minden in the county of Montgomery, of the State of New York, being well in body and of sound memory (blessed be God), do this sixth day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and two, make and publish, this, my last Will and Testament, in manner following, that is to say:

First. I give to my son, John, that farm with the appurtenances whereon he now lives, situate, lying and being in the above mentioned town in that part which is or was formerly known by the name, Hartmans Dorf.

Secondly. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Anna, twelve pounds New York currency, to be paid unto her by said son, John, or his heirs, within two months after my decease. Should I happen to survive her, then the said sum shall be in manner aforesaid paid to her heirs.

Thirdly. I give to my grandson, John, the son of my son, Adam, deceased, my farm whereon I now live, situate in said town, the part being known by the general name, Geisenbergh, and is constituted of lot number four and my portion (amounting to twenty acres) of Lot number two in Condermans Patent, together with all the appurtenances, stock and chattel of every description, farming utensils and all my personal estate that she be left after my decease and a decent interment, which shall be defrayed out of the same with the proviso and conditions hereafter to be mentioned.

Fourthy. It is my last will that in case my said

Grandson, John, should die without lawful issue, then and in such case it is my express will that the last mentioned parcels of land with the appurtenances, stock, cattle and personal estate so left, shall devolve upon my grandson, John Adam, the son of my son, John. In case of his decease, upon his heirs, and in default thereof, upon the next surviving son of my said son, John, if there be any. In case there should be no surviving son of either my son, John, or Adam' or no issue lawfully descended from them, then and in that case, under like provisos and conditions hereafter to be mentioned, and which are intended to extend to every case before mentioned, both the real and personal estate devised under the third and fourth head, shall be equally divided between the surviving children of my son, Adam, deceased, to-wit: Margareth, Catherine, Anna Elisabeth, Maria, and the wife of my son, Adam, in case she remains a widow, but not otherwise, and Margareth, the daughter of my son, Conrad, deceased.

Fifthly. It is my express will that my grandson, John, first named under the third head, shall not enter into the possession of the estate devised unto him, until he shall be of age; and that in case he should die without lawful issue, none of the devisees mentioned under the fourth head, shall take place or have effect until the youngest child surviving shall have attained the age of eighteen years; said child being descended from my son, Adam; and the eighteen years not falling within the term of 21.

Sixthly. It is my last will that the estate devised under the third and fourth head, under the inspection and direction of my executors hereafter to be mentioned, shall remain in the possession of the widow of my son, Adam, deceased, as long as she remains a widow, for the maintenance of herself and children, and for providing for their education until my said grandson shall become of age, or her youngest daughter as aforesaid, shall be eighteen years of age. Should that time, in case she remains a widow, arrive when the management and possession shall revert to her son or the other devisees aforesaid, then she shall have the

right to hold and to occupy a suitable part of the house and other buildings, a part of the garden, one acre of land, hay, straw and pasturage for two cows, which cows are to be selected from the stock or its increase that is left after my death; the land to be prepared and properly cultivated, the hay and straw to be made and kept for said use, by the occupant of the farm; this right she is to enjoy as long as she lives and remains a widow of my son, but shall cease and determine as soon as she changes the state of said widowhood; It is also my express will that as soon as she ceases to be the widow of my son, my executors shall take the management and possession of my estate aforesaid, under their own care for the purposes aforesaid until the time before mentioned towit, until my grandson, John, shall have attained his age, or the youngest child of my son, Adam, the eighteenth year. The widow when married shall go out with her own property and one cow, which she may select from my stock or its increase.

Seventhly: It is my last Will that my said grandchildren, Margareth, Catharine, Anna, Elisabeth, Maria and Margareth, the daughter of my son, Conrad, as also the widow of my son Adam (whether married or widow) shall each have five younds money of New York to be paid them at the time my grandson, John, if alive, shall or should have attained the years of full age. In the former case, said John is to pay said sums to the surviving persons of their heirs. But should another person succeed to the inheritance, then double said sum is to be paid at that time above said to each of them, or their representatives by such successor, except when the last mentioned case under head four should happen to take place, then this devise under both modifications will of course cease and be void.

Eighthly: My beloved daughter, Anna, shall have twelve pounds paid her or her representatives by my son, John, six weeks after my decease as aforesaid.

Ninthly: It is my will that my grandchildren, the four youngest daughters of my son, Adam, above named, shall have each a cow, to be delivered unto them respectively

immediately after their marriage, by my grandson, John, or the successor of the estate, or by my executors, from my stock or its increase, the rest of my children having had their share of stock from myself.

Lastly: I make and ordain my beloved son, John, my beloved brother, George Conderman, and my beloved son-in-law, Johann Peter Dunkel, my executors of this, my Will and Testament, in trust for the intents and purposes therein contained. In witness whereof, I, the said Adam Conderman, have to this, my last Will and Testament, set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Adam Conderman, L. S.

Signed, sealed, declared and delivered by the said Adam Conderman as and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who were present at the signing and sealing thereof: Johann Daniel Gros, Lawrence Gros, Adam Hawn.

Will of John M. Conterman. Vol. 1, P. 248.
(Son of Marcus, of Conradt 1st.)

In the Name of God, Amen, I, John M. Conterman, of the town of Minden, County of Montgomery, and State of New York, being weak in body (but of sound memory) thanks be to God, after commending my Soul into the hands of my God, hoping to find Mercy before his Throne, through the mediation of our Redeemer Jesus Christ, and my body to the earth by a decent burial, the expenses thereof to be paid out of my estate by my Executors hereinafter named, do this twenty-sixth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and five, for the better distribution of my earthly estate, make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament, which is in the manner following, viz:

First: I give and bequeath unto my oldest son, Marcus, all my real estate consisting of the farm and buildings thereon on which I now live and own, situate, lying and being in the town, county and state above mentioned, at a

plain called the Gausberg near Otthouts Mill, known by the name of Lott No. six in Astandy, to have and to hold the same unto him, his heirs and assigns forever, under the following incumbrances, viz to pay unto my two sons, John and William, or their heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, except in case of their or either of their deaths before of age, then and in such case such share or shares to be equally divided among my daughters or their heirs, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

Further: My said son, Marcus, or his heirs, executors or administrators besides the mentioned sums of money to give unto my said sons, John and William, each of them a young mare when they become of age, as also to send them to school so long till they have sufficient learning necessary for a farmer or tradesman, and in case either or both of them should choose to learn a trade, not to hinder them. As also my said son, Marcus, or his heirs, executors or administrators to give to each of my daughters yet unmarried a setting out as good as my oldest daughter had, and in case anyone of them should marry before my said son is of age during which term my beloved wife, Barbara, is to have the rule over the whole estate, that the same setting out or dowery shall be paid by my said wife out of my estate herein bequeathed, and also my said daughters shall be sent to school by my said son or during his minority by my executors, at the expense of my estate till they can sufficiently read. My wife to remain in the house with my son, Marcus, or his heirs during her natural life, if remaining a widow, if she chooses under my express desire to have her weil used, sufficient maintenance found and not to be ruled by any but herself, so that she may have everything belonging to her at her own disposal. And it is further my will that if it should be the will of my Creator to take me out of this world before next spring that my said wife shall have the sole and full power to demand, receive and pay all debts due to me and owning by me the ensuing winter and her receipt shall be a sufficient receipt to my debtors.

Further, I ordain by this, my last Will, that after all

my daughters have received their setting out, my said wife, Barbara, shall have two cows to be kept for her on my farm as her own and at her own disposal. And further, all my farming utensils as waggon, slays, etc., shall be and are hereby bequeathed unto my said son, Marcus, forever at his disposal. And further, I ordain in this, my Will, that all my daughters (*) until they are married shall remain with her mother in and on my house and farm until married, and in case any one or all should choose to work out for their own benefit, that she or they shall not be hindered, but always under such circumstances shall have their father's house for their home.

And lastly, I do appoint my beloved wife, Barbara, my beloved brother, Conrad M. Conterman, and my beloved son-in-law, Englehard Waggoner, to be the executors of this, my Will, praying them to take the burthen upon them to see this, my last Will, truly preformed. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written. John Conterman (Seal)

Signed, sealed and pronounced as the last will of John M. Conterman, in presence of us: Daniel Tice, Adam Zielen, Adam M. Couterman.

Probated Nov. 1, 1806.

*Names of unmarried daughters were Elizabeth, born Feb. 24, 1802, and Barbara, born April 17, 1805.

Marcus, Son of Marcus, of Conrad.

Marcus Countryman, of Minden, died intestate, on or about the 13th day of May, 1830, leaving children: Mary, Nancy, Peter, Peggy, Caty, Jacob and Betsey. Letters of administration granted July 2, 1830 to John M. Countryman and Jacob G. Snyder.

Will of Conrad M. Conterman, son of Marcus, son of Conradt 1st. Book 3 of Wills, Page 56.

In the name of God, Amen, I, Conrad Conterman, of the town of Minden, county of Montgomery, and state of

New York, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, being weak in body but of sound and perfect memory, blessed be almighty God for thesame, do make and publish this, my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following: First, I give my soul to Him who gave it, my body to be buried in a Christianlike manner, the expenses thereof to be paid out of my estate personal, six weeks after my decease. First, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife the one third of all my personal estate, and further order that she, my beloved wife, viz: Catharina Margareta Conterman, shall be decently supported by my three sons, viz: Marcus, Adam and Peter, out of my real estate during her natural life or as long as she bears my name and remains a widow, and the executors I herein appoint, I authorize to see to her support as above mentioned; I do also give and bequeath to my three sons, Marcus Conterman, Adam Conterman and Peter Conterman, after the executors havedivided off to my wife, the one equal third of my personal estate, the remainder to my three sons above named, to be equally divided to them by my executors six weeks after my decease. I further give and devise to my three sons above named, all my real estate lying and being in the town of Minden, Montgomery county and State of New York, and farm on which I now dwell, to be also equally divided by my executors within three months after my decease. I also order that there be paid to my oldest daughter, Catharine, three months after my decease, to the care of my executors to see the same paid out of my estate the sum of three pounds, equal to seven dollars fifty cents lawful money of New York, which I order to be deducted from my three sons shares of the estate equally, also order the same sum in like manner to be paid to my daughter, Margaretta, also to my daughter, Elizabeth, the youngest. I order that there be paid to her out of the estate devised and bequeathed to my said three sons, my executors to see to the payment thereof, viz: Seven dollars and fifty cents, one cow, one heifer, two sheep, together with a wedding garment should she ever marry, and do further order that my debts be discharged by my executors out of my real and personal estate. And I do further and lastly appoint

Adam Conterman, Wilhelmes Shall and John Ellwood, my trusty friends, executors of this, my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-fourth day of March, in the yea rof our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

Conradt M. Conterman, L. S.

Signed, sealed and published by the above named Conradt M. Conterman to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us, who have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses in the presence of the Testator. 39th line (words seven dollars fifty cents) interlined.) John Rise. Tenis Relya, John Ellwood.

Vol. 1, P. 483. George M. Conderman, Minden, April 28, 1808. Pro. Mar. 11, 1809. Wife, Christena. Sons, Jacob, John George, Daniel. Daughters, Catharine, Anna, Delia, youngest; Christina, Magdalene, Elizabeth, Margaret, Mary Executors: Friend, Abraham Coopman, and oldest son Jacob

This is the will of Lieut. George Conderman, found in Norman W. Countryman's contribution.

Whereas, I, the subscriber, Abraham Oathout, have obtained this day a deed of conveyance from Johannes Counderman for all the land, saw mill and privileges that he owned in Coanderman's Pattent on conditions that I should saw yet eighty logs on the said mill, I do therefore hereby engage that the said Johannes Counderman, his heirs and assigns, that he shall have free liberty to saw the said logs yet in the past I have bought of him, and further that he shall have the same liberty to cut said logs that he had before he signed the said deed of conveyance. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 6 day of May, 1777. Abrm Oathout.

Witness, Ehpha Masten.

This Johannes Conderman was a son of Conradt 1st, and my great-grandfather. (J. E. C.)

Record Found at Fonda, Montgomery, N. Y.

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Adam Conterman (son of Conradt 1st) and others on March 18, 1799, convey part of a tract of land granted Nov. 12, 1731, to Hartman Wendecker, Conterman and Casper Leyp, on south side of Mohawk river near Livingston Patent The others were: Henry Walrath, Peter Miller, Jacob Devendorf, Cornelius VanCamp, Jacob H. Moyer, Abraham Devendorf, George Conderman, John D. Young, Adam M. Conterman, Jacob Walrath, Wilhelminus Dillenbock, Nicholas Dillenbock, Jonas Dillenbock, Nicholas F. Dockstader, Henry A. Zoller, Thomas Timmerman, Adam Conterman and Henry I. Zoller. Conveyed to John F. Keller, John D. Timmerman, Henry H. Devendorf and William Timmerman.

Countrymans owning real estate in Montgomery Co. Vol. 17, Page 361. Jacob Countryman and wife, Margaret, of Minden, May 6, 1813.

Vol. 29, Page 303. Henry Countryman and wife, Caty, of Palatine, May 2, 1826.

Vol. 18, Page 24. Marcus Countryman and wife, Caty, town of Minden, July 18, 1823.

Vol. 18, Page 534. John A. Countreman and wife, Caty, town of Minden, Oct. 12, 1822.

Vol. 46, Page 83. Conrad Countryman and wife, Margaret, town of Palatine. March 23, 1840.

May 21, 1923

John E. Countryman, Esq., Rochelle

Dear Sir:—I find the following estates under the name of Countryman:

Wills:—John I. 1843; John I. Jr., 1866; Webster A., 1872; Isaac, 1875; Eliza E., 1883; Alice, 1904; John H., 1918; Frank W., 1918; Elizabeth, 1922; Arthur, 1922; J. Edgar, 1923. Administration:—Oliver, 1872; Nancy, 1879; Levi, 1909.

Charles F. Sprague, Clk. of Surrogate's Court,
Herkimer County, N. Y.

Will of John I. Countryman, Sr.

The last will and testament of John I. Countryman, of the town of Starks, in the county of Herkimer, and state of New York:

I, John I. Countryman, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind and memory, (blessed be Almighty God for the same), do make and publish this, my last will and testament, in manner and form following, (that is to say):

First, I give and bequeath unto my two sons, Daniel and Moses, all that certain piece or parcel of land or farm on which I now reside, situate, lying and being in the said town of Starks in the County of Herkimer, to their heirs and assigns forever, each of my said sons is to have an undivided half of the said farm and premises with the appurtances thereunto belonging.

And I give and bequeath unto my son, Peter Countryman, the sum of two hundred dollars.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Mary, widow of John Moyer, deceased, the sum of seventy-five dollars.

I give and bequeath unto the heirs of my daughter, Catharine, deceased wife of Peter Lambert, the sum of seventy dollars.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Elizabeth, wife of John B. Shaul, the sum of seventy dollars.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Nancy, wife of David Petten, the sum of seventy dollars.

I give and bequeath unto my grandson, Ira Kane, son of my daughter, Rachel, deceased, the sum of one hundred dollars.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Margaret, the sum of fifty dollars yearly and every year during her natural life after my decease, also all such wearing apparel and bedding as my said wife brought with her at our marriage and such as she has made and may make until my decease, and I further ordain that my said wife shall have the right to be and remain with her effects and reside in the dwelling house in which I now reside with the general privileges of

passing through and about in the said house, as occasion may from time to time require, and be entitled at the hands of my said sons, Daniel and Moses, to good and comfortable board such as we usually have had and do have in my family, as long as she may choose to continue her residence with my said sons, Daniel and Moses, while my said sons, Daniel and Moses, shall continue to reside on my said farm, and should it become necessary that on account of ill health and sickness my said wife might need medical assistance, such expenses for professional service and medicines are to be paid out of said annual fifty dollar claims. These bequests to my said wife are made upon the Express Condition that she shall not claim her right of dower in my estate.

I further give and bequeath unto my grandson, Ira Kane, one bureau, one chest, one bed stead and a small trunk

I give and bequeath unto Jane, a servant in the family, twenty-five dollars and one cow and two sheep and all the clothing and bedding she now claims as hers.

I further ordain, that my sons, Daniel and Moses shall be entitled to all the debts due to my estate and shall be liable to pay all the debts which shall be standing against the estate at my decease.

I give and bequeath unto my daughters, Mary, Elizabeth and Nancy, and the heirs of my daughter, Catherine, (deceased), all my household furniture and bedding except my stove and pipe, to be equally divided among my said daughters, each one fourth thereof, and the heirs of my said daughter, Catharine, one fourth.

And Lastly, I do hereby bequeath unto my sons, Daniel and Moses, all the remainder of my personal estate, such as my stove and pipe, horses, cattle, sheep and swine, sap buckets, grain and farming utensils of all descriptions.

The aforesaid legacies are to be paid by my sons, Daniel and Moses, as follows: To my son, Peter, one hundred dollars two years after my decease, and the remaining one hundred dollars four years after my decease.

To my daughter, Mary, thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents one year after my decease and the remaining thirty-

seven dollars and fifty cents two years after my decease.

To my daughters, Elizabeth and Nancy, thirty-five dollars each one year after my decease, and thity-five dollars each two years after my decease.

To the heirs of my daughter, Catharine, thirty-five dollars one year after my decease and the same amount two years after my decease.

To Jane, the servant woman, the whole amount of her legacy whenever my said sons, Daniel and Moses, shall refuse her a home in the family, or whenever she may choose to leave the family.

To Ira Kane, my grandson, the amount of his legacy (interest) to be added annually when he shall become twenty-one years of age.

All of the aforesaid legacies which remain unpaid at the expiration of one year shall be at interest from such time and shall be a lien on my said farm until fully paid.

I do hereby appoint my sons, John and Daniel, guardians of the personal property or legacy of my grandson, Ira Kane, with directions that if my said sons, Daniel and Moses, should pay said legacy, that it be put at interest on real estate security except that such security need not be had for the interest which may from time to time come to their hands and be again put at interest.

I do also hereby appoint my sons, John and Daniel, executors of this, my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former will by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty-eighth day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Two.

John I. Countryman (LS)

The foregoing instrument consisting of one sheet was now here subscribed by John I. Countryman, the testator, in the presence of each of us and was at the same time declared by him to be his last will and testament, and we, at his request, sign our names as attesting witnesses.

Daniel Hawn, residing in Stark, Herkimer Co.
Daniel Bauder, residing in Stark, Herkimer Co.

Isaac, John and David, the three oldest sons, are not mentioned in will as legatees—they had their portion in the lifetime of their father.

Jane (Aunt Jinny), colored servant, was well cared for during her life and buried on my father's lot in Mount Hope cemetery, Minden, N. Y. (J. E. C.)

Will of John I. Countryman, Jr.

In the name of God, Amen, I, John I. Countryman, of the town of Danube, county of Herkimer, and state of New York, aged 64 years, and being of sound mind and memory, for which I am thankful to Almighty God, do make, publish and declare this my last Will and Testament, in manner following, that is to say:

First: I give and devise to my beloved wife, Nancy Countryman, all the real estate of which I may die seized, consisting at present of two hundred acres, be the same more or less, on which I now reside, situate in the town of Danube, Herkimer county, New York, bounded substantially as follows: Southerly by lands of Levi Grey and one Conrad, now deceased, Westerly by lands of Daniel H. Moyer and John Walrath, Northerly by lands of the heirs of Solomon Sanders, dec., and of Levi Countrymans, Easterly by lands of Albert Walrath, to have and to hold the same during her natural life, subject nevertheless to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, unless she shall choose and select to have the same sold and disposed of, as also hereinafter set forth.

Second: I give and bequeath to my said wife, Nancy Countryman, the free use and enjoyment of all my personal estate of whatever name or nature, during her natural life, except household furniture upon the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned and subject to the payment of all my just debts and funeral expenses and unpaid legacy of twelve hundred and fifty dollars to my son, Byron Countryman, to be paid to him when he arrives at the age of twenty-one years, he having been paid a part of sixteen hundred dollars.

Third: I further order and direct that whenever my said wife, Nancy, shall choose, select and prefer to sell and dispose of said real estate herein devised to her as aforesaid my said executors hereinafter named are hereby authorized and empowered by and with the written consent of my said wife to sell and convey the same and also in conjunction with my said wife and with her consent to sell all my personal property except the household furniture hereinafter bequeathed.

Fourth: My will farther is that out of the net avails of said sale of the real and personal property and after all my just debts and legacies are paid or provided for, that the net balance remaining shall be equally divided, share and share alike, between my eight sons, their heirs and assigns, to have and to hold the same forever, providing however, that each of my said sons or their heirs shall before any of said shares be paid to him or them satisfactorily secure to be paid to my said wife, Nancy, the sum of fifty dollars each annually during her natural life.

Fifth: I give and bequeath to my said wife, all my household furniture, including all stoves, cooking utensils, beds, bedding, bedsteads, etc., to have and to hold the same to her and her heirs forever.

Sixth: Having heretofore paid to my sons, Levi, Norman, Harvey, Alvin, Nathan, William and John Ervin, each the sum of one thousand and six hundred dollars, I make no further provision for them or either of them in this, my will, except as hereinbefore mentioned.

Seventh: I hereby nominate and appoint my two sons, Levi Countryman and John Ervin Countryman, executors of this, my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of April, 1866.

John I. Countryman (L.S.)

The above instrument, consisting of one sheet, was on the day of the date thereof published and declared by John I. Countryman, above named, to be, as and for his last

Will and testament, who at his request and in his presence and in thepresence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Jacob Wendell, Fort Plain, Montgomery Co., N.Y.
Isaac Monk, Danube, Herkimer Co., N. Y.
Jacob Wagner, Danube, Herkimer Co., N. Y.

Surrogate's Office, Bath, Steuben Co., N. Y.

Mr. John E. Countryman, Rochelle, Ill.

My dear Mr. Countryman: I am inclosing herewith, as far as I have been able to find by our records, in the estates of the Condermans and Countrymans. There has been some little delay in this due to the fact that it entailed an extensive search to secure the information you desired. I trust this will be of assistance to you.

Yours very truly,
R. S. Burrell, Clerk of the Court

Phebe J. Conderman—Will admitted May 10, 1921. Heirs: Catherine E. Phillips, sister, Hornell; Harriet A. Schaumberg, Fremont; Jennie Smith, niece, Elmira; Elizabeth Webber, niece, Atlanta, N. Y., Leslie Conderman, nephew, Buffalo; Winnie Hunt, grand-niece, Erie, Pa., Rfd. 1; Owen J. Dibble, grand-nephew, Toronto, Can.; Homer L. Dibble, grand-nephew, Union City, Pa.

Lester Conderman—Will admitted April 11th, 1922 Heirs: Emma F. Conderman, widow, 23 W. Genesee St., Hornell, N. Y.; Floyd Conderman, son, Wellsville, N. Y.

Aseneth Conderman—Will admitted May 7th, 1919. Heirs: George Conderman, son; Frank Conderman, son; Laverne Conderman, son; Burt Cinderman, grandson; John Conderman, grandson; all of Hornell.

Wilbur R. Conderman—Will admitted Nov. 17, 1921. Heirs: Grace E. Conderman, widow, Hornell; Elizabeth A. Bradley, sister, Chicago, Ill.; Emma S. Lattimer, sister, Chicago; Rose C. Chafin, sister, Chicago; Jay Conderman, brother, Chicago, Ill.

Maria Conderman—Will admitted April 30th, 1913. Heirs: William Hawley, nephew, Dundee, Ill.; Delbert B. Hawley, nephew, Elgin, Ill.; Frank D. Hawley, nephew, Dundee, Ill.; Edgar C. Hawley, nephew, No. 3809 Michigan Ave, Chicago, Ill.; George Nute, nephew, Dundee, Ill.; Herbert Nute, nephew, last known residence, Portland, Ore.; Eva L. Clark, niece, 3737 Wentworth Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Mary Warner, niece, Hampshire, Ill.; Belle O'Brien Poole, niece, 915 Wells St., Chicago, Ill.; Frank O'Brien, nephew, last known address (blank); Emmett O'Brien, nephew, last known address, Seattle, Wash.; Edward Milton Bumstead, grand-nephew, Clinton, Wis.; Eugene Lercy Bumstead, grand-nephew, Beloit, Wis.; William A. Hawley, grand-nephew, New Castle, Pa.; George Hawley, grand-nephew, Chicago, Ill., Mamie Hawley Boland, grand-niece, Chicago, Ill.

John D. Conderman—Will admitted August 1, 1890. Heirs: Frank Conderman, son, Hornellsville, N. Y.; Lavern D. Conderman, son, Fremont, Steuben Co., N. Y.; Charles C. Conderman, son, Hornellsville, N. Y.; George Conderman, son, Hornellsville, N. Y.: Aseneth Conderman, widow, Hornellsville, N. Y.

Caleb Conderman—Will admitted Sept. 30th ,1898. Heirs: Lizzie A. Bradley, daughter, Chicago, Ill.; Emma S. Lattimer, daughter, Addison, N. Y.; Jay Conderman, son, Anderson, Ind.; Rose F. Chapin, daughter, Chicago, Ill.; Wilbur R. Conderman, son, Hornellsville, N. Y.; Caroline M. Conderman, widow, Hornellsville, N. Y.

David Conderman—Administration granted Jan. 9, 1886. Heirs: Maria Conderman, widow, Hornellsville, N. Y.; Catherine Sherwood, daughter, Hornellsville, N. Y.; Fred S. Condeman, son, Hornellsville, N. Y.

Jacob R. Conderman—Admr. granted Jan. 30, 1891. Heirs: Lester C. Conderman, son, Howard, N. Y.; Ella Dibble, Kent Co., Mich.; Mabel Conderman, Arkport, N. Y.

Eleanor Conderman—Administration granted March 15, 1900. Heirs: Isaac Conderman, husband, Hornellsville, N. Y.; Leona Conderman, daughter.

Jacob Conderman—Will admitted March 26th, 1873. Heirs: Jane Baker, Lucy Ann Baker, Eneanor Baker, Sarah

Conderman, Betsey M. Harter, Anna Conderman, Isaac Conderman.

Sarah A. Conderman—Admr. granted April 26, 1882. Heirs: Alzina Razey, Freemont, N. Y.; Irena Sands, Hornellsville, N. Y.; Matha Helmer, Lester Conderman, Phebe Conderman, Martin Conderman, Sarah Conderman, Della Conderman, all of Fremont, N. Y.

Sallie A. Conderman—Apptd. of Admr, with will annexed, Oct. 11, 1888. Heirs: Caleb Conderman, husband, of Hornellsville, N. Y.; Will R. Conderman, son, Hornellsville, N. Y.; Jay Conderman, son, Bay City, Mich.; Elizabeth Bradley, daughter, Bay City, Mich.; Rose F. Chapin, daughter, Saginaw, Mich.

Abram Conderman—Admr. granted July 16th, 1880. Heirs: Almira Conderman, widow, Hornellsville, N. Y.; Ann M. Sutton, daughter, Howard, N. Y.; Branca Trowbridge, daughter, Hornellsville, N. Y.

Anna Conderman—Admr. granted October 1, 1879. Heirs: Jacob H. Conderman, son, Fremont, N. Y.

Samuel Conderman—Will admitted Feb. 14th, 1838. Heirs: Elizabeth Conderman, widow, Howard, N. Y.; Mariah Conderman, daughter, Howard, N. Y.; Catherine Conderman, daughter, Howard, N. Y.

Fred S. Conderman—Will admitted Nov. 23d, 1917. Heirs: Belle Conderman, widow, Hornell, N. Y.; Fred D. Conderman, son, Hornell, N. Y.; Rocelia J. Conderman, daughter, Hornell ,N. Y.; Evelyn Conderman, daughter, Hornell, N. Y.; Beatrice M. Conderman, daughter, Hornell, N. Y.; Catherine McKain Gage, daughter, No. Mills, Pa.; Letha Whitley, daughter ,Brooklyn, N. Y.

John A. I. Contryman—Will admitted March 6, 1879. Heirs: Lany Countryman, widow, Cameron, N. Y.; Louisa Melvina, wife of Elias June, Jasper, N. Y.; Caty Maria, wife of Josiah Walrath, Casper, N. Y.; Addison Countryman, Cameron, N. Y.; Abram F. Countryman, Parma Center, in Monroe Co., N. Y.; Marion H., wife of Levi House, West Union, N. Y.; Benson Countryman, Nunda, Livingston Co., N. Y.; Emma Jane, wife of Lemuel Boyer.

Will of John A. I. Countryman.

In the name of God, Amen, I, John A. I. Countryman, of the town of Cameron, in the county of Steuben, and state of New York, of the age of seventy-two, and being of sound mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament, in manner following, that is to say:

First: I give and bequeath to my wife, Lany, the income of my farm or farms which I own, situate in the said town of Cameron (consisting of two pieces or parcels of land, one being the farm on which I reside, containing fifty-three acres or thereabouts and the other lying north of the first named containing one hundred acres) during her natural life and the control and direction of said farms.

Second: I give and devise to my sons, Abram F. Benson, the farms described in the foregoing bequest to my wife, to each the undivided one half, after the decease of my said wife, to them and to their heirs forever.

Third: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Louisa Melvina, wife of Elias C. June, the sum of three hundred.

Fourth: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Caty Maria, wife of Josiah Walrath, the sum of three hundred dollas.

Fifth: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Margaret Elizabeth, wife of Charles Bateman, the sum of three hundred dollars.

Sixth: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Marion H., wife of Levi House, the sum of two hundred dollars.

Seventh: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Emma Jane, wife of Lemuel Bowyer, the sum of one thousand dollar.

It is further my will and I so order that my said wife shall have the entire control and use of all my personal estate, goods and chattels of what kind or nature soever, during her natural life, and she may at her pleasure dispose of any or all of the same and divide the same among her children or otherwise dispose thereof as to her may seem right, but if she does not dispose of any or all of my said personal estate, all that is not disposed of and which may remain at

the decease of my said wife, shall be equally divided among all my children, share and share alike.

The several sums above bequeathed to my daughters shall not become payable until the decease of my said wife--when they shall become due in the order following: the sum bequeathed to my daughter, Louisa Melvina, one year from the decease of my wife; that bequeathed to Caty Maria, one year thereafter; the legacy to Marion H., one year after that of Caty Maria; and that of Margaret Elizabeth, one year after that of Marion H., and that of Emma Jane, one year after that of Margaret Elizabeth.

The said legacies shall be paid by my said sons, Abram F. and Benson, and shall be a lien upon the real estate devised to them. My said sons, Abram F. and Benson, are also to pay a claim which my son, Addison, holds against me (and which will become due at my decease and be a charge against my estate), of three hundred dollars—but the interest on said sum shall be paid to my sons, Abram F. and Benson, out of my personal estate from the time of my decease until by the terms of this will, my sons shall come into the possession of the real estate devised to them.

And lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my wife, Lany, and Charles A. Bateman to be the executors of this, my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

John A. I. Countryman (Seal)

The foregoing instrument, consisting of two sheets, was at the date thereof signed, sealed, published and declared by the said John A. I. Countryman, as and for his last will and testament, in presence of us, who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

David D. Sherwood, residing a tCameron, Steuben Co., N. Y.
Martha E. Sherwood, residing at Cameron, N. Y.

Will admitted March 6, 1879. Recorded in Book 15 of Wills, at Page 111.

Record of Countryman Estates Probated in Otsego Co., N. Y.

John Countryman, of Roseboom township, died Oct. 2, 1859. Will probated Dec. 5, 1859. Executors, Martin and Jeremiah Countryman. Lany (Pickard) Countryman, widow. Heirs: Martin, Jeremiah, George W., Alexander, Mary E., Maia C.

Lany Pickard Countryman, (widow), died Nov. 18, 1869. Letters of Adms. granted Nov. 30, 1869 to her sons, Martin and Alexander. Heirs: Martin, Alexander, Jeremiah, Catharine, wife of Wm. Vanalstine; Mary E., wife of James Chambers, and May Countryman, sole daughter of Geo. W. Countryman, a deceased son.

Margaret Countryman, wife of Jeremiah Countryman, died Oct. 31, 1891. Letters of Adm. granted to Jeremiah (husband), Nov. 25, 1891. Heirs: Norman W., Avery, Arthur, Orville H. and John A.

Christina Price Countryman died Jan. 3, 1895. Letters of Adm. granted to Pearl Countryman, a son, Jan. 1895. Heirs: Addie May Hutton, a daughter, of Center Valley, Otsego county, N. Y., and Pearl Countryman, of Cooperstown, New York.

Mary Countryman died June 19, 1869, of the town of Middlefield, Otsego Co. Letters of Adm. granted Nov. 22, 1869, to Amelia Thayer, a daughter, and Nelson J. Bates, no relation. Heirs: no husband; daughters, Hannah Pickens, Rebecca Nestle and Amelia Thayer.

Sally Countryman died Feb. 26, 1892. Will probated April 18, 1892. Letters to Oren Avey. Heirs: John I. A. Countryman, husband; Franklin I., son; Charles W., son; and Mary L. Avey, daughter. Legatees include Lottie Avey and Olia Countryman, granddaughters.

Mary Jane Countryman died July 18, 1907. Will probated Dec. 9, 1907. Executor, George E. Countryman, son. No husband. Heirs: Rosena N. Robbins, daughter; Marvin J. Countryman, son; and George E., son.

Martha Countryman died April 19, 1914. Letters of Adm. granted to Alvin L. Countryman, son, April 27, 1914.

No husband. Heir: Alvin L. Countryman, Richfield Springs, New York.

Alvin L. Countryman died March 10, 1922. Will probated April 24, 1922. Letters to Florence E. Countryman, widow. Next to kin, Florence E. Countryman, Richfield Springs, N .Y., and John E. Countryman, uncle, Rochelle, Ill., and I. B. Countryman, uncle, Dixon, Ill.

John I. Countryman died March 27, 1906. Resident of Cherry Valley township. Letters of Adm. granted Oct. 25, 1906 to Nancy M. Countryman, widow. Heirs: Nancy M. (widow), Charles W., Franklin I., of Schnectady, N. Y., and Lottie Vandusen, a grand-daughter, East Wooster, N. Y.

Marvin J. Countryman died June 16, 1921. Letters granted Sept. 9, 1921, to his son, Isaac A. Countryman. No widow. Heirs: Isaac A. and Bert, sons, and Mary Merriam, of Wooster, N. Y., and Dora A. Simmons, of Cherry Valley, N. Y., daughters.

Alice Countryman died May 8, 1918. Letters to Isaac A. Countryman, son, April 9, 1923. Next of kin: Isaac A., Bert M., Dora Simmons, Mary J. Merriam.

Adam F. Countryman died Sept. 24, 1852. Resident of town of Springfield, Otsego Co., N. Y. Will probated Nov. 17, 1852. Letters to Martin Young and John J. Allen. Heirs: Mary Countryman, widow; Adam Countryman, Herkimer county, N. Y.; Hannah Pickins, Rebecca Nestle, Amelia Thayer, Looma Countryman and Perlina Countryman.

Register of Wills, Somerset, Pennsylvania.

Mr. John E. Countryman, Rochelle, Ill.

Dear Sir:—We are herewith sending you the "Countryman Estates" on which Letters were taken out in this county to date:

Jacob F. Countryman, March 1, 1869. John Countryman, April 23, 1873. Benjamin Countryman, June 21, 1881. Jacob B. Countryman, Dec. 6, 1889. George J. Countryman, May 14, 1890. Lydia Countryman, Dec. 15, 1891. Frank B. Countryman, March 8, 1899. George F. Countryman, May 19, 1903. Harry S. Countryman, Jan. 6, 1917.

Other counties in Pennsylvania to which I have written report no Countryman estates settled in them since their organization. J. E. Countryman.

Highland County, Hillsboro, Ohio.

Sept. 3, 1924.

Mr. John E. Countryman, Rochelle, Ill.

Dear Sir:—In reply to your letter of the 1st, the following is a list of wills of the Countrymans filed in this Court:

Henry Countryman, Feb. 20, 1818. Henry Countryman, Feb. 18, 1874. John Countryman, March, 1836. Joel Countryman, Oct. 6, 1871. Latha Countryman, June 4, 1908. William Countryman, July 25, 1914.

The following estates have been settled by administrators. As it would require a considerable time to secure the dates of these appointments, we are simply sending you the names: G. E. Countryman, Isaiah, John, Jane, J. W., Oliver, Owen. Very truly yours,

Martha P. Brouse, Deputy Probate Clerk

Will of Henry Countryman.

The following is a copy of the Last Will and Testament of said deceased:

In the name of God, Amen, I, Henry Countryman, of Brushcreek Township in the county of Highland and State of Ohio, yeoman, being of sound mind, memory and understanding, being very sick in body, considering the uncertainty of this life, think fit to make this, my last will and testament, in the following manner, viz: I reccomend my soul into the hands of God and my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian manner, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. First: I give and bequeath to Babary Countryman,

my dearly beloved wife, to hold and to have my plantation which I now live on in her possession and the profits thereof as long as she lives and remain a single life, and as soon as she would marry again she shall be disbarred of the same and it is my further will that she shall have her bed and all the furniture and my old mare, and one cow as she lives, and after her death the land and the property above mentioned to be sold and divided in the following manner, viz: I give to my eldest son, Martin Countryman, whom I likewise constitute, make and ordain the sole executor of this, my last will and testament, all and singular and to my son, Henry Countryman, and to my son, George Countryman, and to my daughter, Polly Zite, and to my daughter, Elizabeth Washburn, and to my daughter, Christania Williams, and to my daughter, Susannah Countryman, and to my daughter, Polly Countryman, and when the land and property before mentioned therefor being sold, then they are to have an equal share, and I also make and bequeath to my daughter, Barbara Shewmaker, the sum of one dollar, and it is further my will that my son, George Countryman, is to have four head of my young cattle, one bed which he has paid me for, and it is further my will that Susannah Countryman is to have two beds and cow and two calves which she made since she was of age, and it is further my will that my daughter, Polly Countryman, is t ohave one cow and calf and one bed, and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannull all and every former testament will legacies, bequeath and executors by me in any wise before named, will and bequeathed, ratifying and confirming these and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness my hand I have hereunto set my hand and seal this tenth day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

Signed and sealed by the said Henry Countryman as his last will and testament in the presence of Phillip Road and John Road.

Henry Countryman.

Proved and recorded Feb. 20, 1818.

Ulster County Surrogate's Court, Kingston, N. Y.

John Countryman, Rochelle, Ill.

Dear Sir:—As I informed you in my letter of May 17th, 1923, there is no record of any proceedings having been taken in the estate of anyone by the name of Countryman, or Contreman, or Conderman. I cannot find any record of either of these names. Very truly yours,

C. K. Loughran, Clk. of Surrogate's Court

I think it probable that in New York and in Pennsylvania, that the wills of the older Countrymans were written in German and were never recorded, as this I know to be true of my great-grandfather's—(John, of Conrad.)

(John E. Countryman)

Excerpts from will of Judge Edwin Countryman, who died at Albany, N. Y., June 13, 1914:

The will of Judge Edwin Counaryman disposing of an estate of $225,000, has been admitted to probate in surrogate's court. The will was drawn by Judge Countryman, July 15, 1913, and was witnessed by Nellie F. Towner and Andrew Van Derzee. Pierre E. DuBois, one of his law partners, is made executor of the will. His granddaughter, Mrs. Howard Byron Gray, now Katharine Countryman, of Fort Plain, N. Y., is given $10,000 when the will is pobated, $10,000 when she becomes twenty-five years of age and the residue of the estate at the age of thirty years.

The bequests are as follows: Jones D. Conderman, cousin, Chetopa, Kan., $3,000; David F. Countryman, brother, Jamestown, $1,000; Lulue A. Bleeker, cousin, Albany, $20,000; Nannie Bleeker Walrath, cousin, Fort Plain, 11,000; Susan Larrenmore, cousin, New York, $1,000; Lovina Riggs, aunt, Poughkeepsie, $1,000; Mrs. George Emory Lochner, cousin, $1,000; Anna Galloway, cousin, Poughkeepsie, $500; Charles R. Park, nephew, Rochester, $500; Edwin W. Countryman, nephew, Buffalo, $500; Leonard B. Moore, cousin, Fort Plain, $500; Lillian M. Luby, Albany, "my faithful stenographer," $1,000.

Clarence Van Orsdale, John Van Orsdale and David C. Van Orsdale, nephews, of Ackley Station, Pa., are to divide $750.

The following are to divide the books in the miscellaneous library: Mrs. Howard Byron Gray, Lulue A. Bleeker, Floence C. Lochner, David F. Countryman, Nannie Bleecker Walrath, Walter A. Dunckel, Thomas Armitage Larremore, Clarence M. Bates, Joseph L. Moore, Mrs. William Kirk, Jr., Pierre E. DuBois, Andrew J. Nellis, Thomas F. McDermott and Lillian M. Luby.

Thomas F. McDermott gets the state reports of Connecticut, New Jersey, West Virginia, Kansas and Nebraska.

Joseph L. Moore, of Fort Plain, gets the state reports of Ohio, Virginia, Kentucky and Indiana.

Pierre E. DuBois gets all the rest of his law books and reports.

Howard Byron Gray, of Fort Plain, gets his gold watch and chain.

Edwin C. Kirk, of Troy, is bequeathed $1,000, to be spent by his father and mother in educating him.

His property at 2167 Fifth Avenue, New York, also goes to Kirk.

Excerpts of last will of (Rev.) Abram F. Countryman, of Scottsburg, Livingston Co., N. Y., probated at Geneseo, N. Y., Sept. 7, 1915:

Legatees and Legacies.

To his wife, Elizabeth Ann Countryman, all his real and personal property for her comfort and maintainance during her natural life.

From unexpended property after her decease: To Ella Louise June, fifty dollars; to Mrs. Virginia White, fifty dollars; to Mrs. Lena Grenolds, fifty dollars and Whedons Commentaries on Bible; to endowment of Mission School at Hinqua, China, $1,000; also $1000 for the endowment of the mission school at Ajmer, India. These are through the M. E. Foreign Missionary Society. To the Home Missionary and Church Extension Society of the M. E. church in Pennsylvania, the sum of $1,000; also $300 toward building the A. F. Countryman Memorial Church. To the American Bible Society, $500. To the Genesee Wesleyen Seminary, $2000, one half for the general endowment fund, the other for educating worthy young men for the ministry. To a Deaconness Home in Buffalo, N. Y., as an endowment fund, $500. Whatever amount left, one half to Foreign Missionary Society for support of native preachers in China, India or Africa. The other half to board of Home Missions and Church Extension in cities on frontier, at board's discretion.

Excerpts of the will of Isaac B. Countryman, of Dixon, Lee county, Illinois:

(Died without issue) Legacies.

To Elizabeth Countryman, daughter of my nephew, Emery D. Countryman, $5000.

To Jacob I. Countryman, son of my brother, Nathan Countryman, $5000.

To Isaac Byron Countryman, son of my nephew, Emery D. Countryman, $5000.

To Anna Collins, daughter of my brother, Nathan Countryman, $5000.

To Isaac Byron Slafter, grandson of my brother, Nathan Countryman, $5000.

To the children of my niece, Lillie Slafter, not including Isaac Byron Slafter, $5000.

To Emery D. Countryman, son of my brother, William, $5000.

To Jacob Banta, nephew of my deceased wife, $5000.

To Katy Cooper, niece of my deceased wife, $5000.

To Grace Banta, niece of my deceased wife, $5000.

To Nellie C. Bresnahan, of Dixon, Ill., in regard for long and faithful services $1000 per year during lifetime.

To the treasurer of the City of Dixon, Ill., or some reliable trust company, the sum of $1000 as a permanent fund for the care and maintainance of the cemetery lot in Oakwood cemetery at Dixon, Ill., where I desire my remains shall be interred.

To the trustees of Christian Home Orphanage of Council Bluffs, Iowa, $10,000, as a memorial to his beloved wife, Elizabeth Countryman, now deceased.

To the Board of Directors of Dixon Public Hospital of Dixon, Ill., and their successors in office, $5000.

To the trustees of the Illinois Manual Training School for Boys, the sum of $25,000, to build a dormatory or cottages to be dedicated to the memory of my beloved wife.

To the trustees of the Nachusa Lutheran Orphanage at Nachusa, Lee county, Ill., $10,000, to be invested and reinvested in interest bearing securities, the income thereof to be used in caring for children and carrying on work of the Orphanage.

If after the payment of all the legacies heretofore provided for, together with the costs of administration of my said estate, there should be any poperty remaining belonging to my estate, then I give, devise, and bequeath to Elizabeth Countryman, daughter of my nephew, Emery D. Countryman, the sum of $10,000, and to Isaac B. Countryman the sum of $10,000, and to Irving B. Countryman, son of my nephew, Elmer J. Countryman, the su mof $5000. All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate of every name and nature whatsoever, I give, devise and bequeath to the said Elizabeth Countryman, Isaac B. Countryman and Irving B. Countryman, in equal parts between them, share and share alike.

Will filed for probate at Dixon, Ill., Oct. 2, 1923. The court assessed the state inheritance tax at $13,944.53. Federal tax was $2,737.99. Henry C. Warner, executor.

Countryman Wills Probated in Ogle County.

Daniel Countryman will filed April 13, 1883 Heirs: Sally, widow; son, James Alonzo; son, Calvin; daughter, Carrie E. Allen; daughter, Jennie V. Executors: Sally, widow, and James A. and Calvin Countryman. Witnesses: Alvin Countryman and Norman Countryman.

Moses Countryman will filed for probate June 27,

1884. James A. Countryman and Carrie Countryman, executors. Heirs: J. A. Countryman and wife, Carrie Countryman and their children. Witnesses: H. O. Perry, C. O. Longenecker.

Norman Countryman will filed for probate March 2, 1911. Elizabeth Countryman, widow. Lincoln A. Countryman and Thomas E. Fouser, executors. Heirs: Widow; Fayette N. Countryman, Lincoln A. Countryman and Luetta (Countryman) Fouser. Witnesses: Fred W. Craft, Elmer File.

Harvey Countryman will filed for probate June 30, 1914. Heirs: Daughter, Ida M. Craft, and daughter, Grace M. Phelps. Executors: Ida May Craft and Grace Maud Phelps. Witnesses: T. E. Fouser and W. B. McHenry.

Alvin Countryman will filed for probate Jan. 20, 1916. Heirs: Widow, Jennie E. Countryman; Merton A. Countryman. Emma V. Countryman and grandson, Arthur T. Guest. Executors: Jennie E., Merton A. and Emma V. Countryman. Witnesses: Fred W. Craft, Ida M. Craft.

Nathan Countryman estate. John E. Countryman appointed Adm., March 7, 1879. Heirs: Mary Countryman, widow; Jacob I., Lillie M., and Anna Countryman. Lillie M. and Anna were minors. John E. Countryman appointed guardian.

James A. Countryman will probated Jan. 4, 1924. Heirs: Carrie Countryman, widow; son, Floyd M..; Belle Countryman Boyle; son, Ralph, and son, Jay. Carrie Countryman, widow, executrix. Witnesses: G. D. Elmer, Maude Kofer.

Virginia Countrymans.

Traditional John Frederick Contreman, we have reasons to believe, was the father of three sons: Conradt, Andraus (Andrew) and Henricus (Henry), who came with their father to America about 1708 to 11, and that a brother Fred was born later. Conradt settled in the Mohawk valley, New York. Andrew, later than 1738, going to Pennsylvania; Henry to Maryland. The Henry Countryman living and owning land in Rockingham county, Virginia, in 1779 to 1792 (we believe was a son of the Henry who migrated to Maryland) and was a Revolutonary soldier—whose family is mentioned in the first U. S. census in 1790, consisting of "8 white souls."

Scott's History of Highland Co., Ohio, mentions a Henry Countryman, who with family, moved from Rockingham, Va. to Highland county in 1802 and settled in the vicinity of Sinking Springs. Henry purchased in Jan. 1811 a farm of 110 acres for $220.00. This deed is recorded in book 1, page 177. This history mentions too, his being a Revolutionary soldier. Henry Countryman's wife's name was Barbary, and his children's names were: Martin, Henry, John, George, Polly (Zite), Elizabeth (Washburn), Christania (Williams), Susannah Countryman, Dollie Countryman and Barbara (Shoemaker.)

Martin, the oldest son, built a cabin about three miles northwest of Sinking Spring. The Countrymans built the first water mill in Brush Creek township, on Brush Creek. There was born here an Eli Countryman, who had a family of fifteen children. Among them were: Daniel and Martin, who were soldiers in the Civil War. Eli probably was the son of Martin, and a tanner by trade.

Daniel, his son, married Eliza Jane Everhart, and died Jan. 26, 1887, aged 45 years. Issue: Frank, Roxy, Elizabeth, Eli, Florence, Lonzo and Hattie.

Frank, son of Daniel, was born near Bainbridge, Ohio, Nov. 10, 1878. Wed Mary Daugherty, July 25, 1903. Issue: Virgil, Rose, Joseph, Louise, Ray, Margarie, Owen

and Franklin the last two dead. His postoffice address is Bainbridge, Okla., Route 2.

Roxy wed Albert Frey. Elizabeth wed Harry Ogle, had one child, Harry; second marriage to Frank Shoemaker, had four children. Florence wed John Vest, had one child. Hattie wed Nute Kern, issue four children ,two dead, Iona and Bert still living.

Henry Countryman, Sr. died in Highland county, in 1818. (See will.) His son, Henry, a soldier in 1812 War, died about 1874, as his will was then probated. He was twice married. Children named in will were: Issiah, Quintilles, William, Abby, Eliza, George, Latha, Julia and Joseph. Quintilles was still living in 1924.

William, son of Henry, Jr. has a daughter, Bertie Countryman Patton, living on Route 4, Hillsboro, Ohio.

Joseph Countryman, son of Henry, had one son, Geo. W. and two daughters. One daughter wed James A. Trumps and the other, J. C. Suiter. Joseph died in 1870.

George W. Countryman, son of Joseph, wed Mary E. ——. Issue, seven children: Weaver W., Middletown, O.; Oliver C., Dayton, O.; James A., Hillsboro, O., and Minos, deceased; Ina M., deceased; Julia A., Franklin, O., and Joseph A., Middletown, Ohio.

Weaver W. and wife, Ruth. Issue: Gladys and Lois. Oliver and wife, Jennie; issue: Pauline, Mary and Ruby. James A. and wife, Ollie C.; issue, Hazel, Kartial, Louise. Julia, wife of Alvin McCabe; issue: Maria, Thomas, Robert, Ina M., Mrs. Geo. Yorgen. Issue Nellie, Mary and George Jr Joseph A. and wife, Julia; issue: Paul.

The widow of George W., Mary E., is still living, Jan. 1925, at Route 14, Hillsboro, Ohio.

George Countryman, son of Henry, was born March 29, 1791, in Rockingham county, Virginia, and married Mariah Gall, Sept. 12, 1820. In 1845 they moved from Highland county, Ohio, to Millsville, Henry county, Indiana. In 1846 he moved to Cass county, Indiana, on a farm purchased of the government, where he resided until his death. There

were four children born to this union: David, Isaiah, Katharine and James Monroe, all deceased.

David was born Feb. 9, 1824, and married Mary Crull. To this union was born one daughter, Isabelle, who married Albert Hale, they having one son, Harve, whose residence is unknown.

Isaiah was born Feb. 19, 1828, married Sarah Crull March 30, 1851. They had four children: Lucinda, who died in infancy; John A., who was born July 22, 1855, and married Nancy Ellen Logan, (deceased) To this union were born three children: Ida, who married Clyde Shope, deceased, and has one daughter, Mabel, who married Ezekiel Scott. The son, George, deceased, and another daughter, Iva, who married Merritt McMath, and they have three children: Ellen, John and James.

William E., son of Isaiah, was born Nov. 9, 1860, and married Sarah Florence Howard, deceased, June 26, 1881. They had two children: Maude, who resides at home, and Claude H., who married Gertrude Highley, they having two sons: Highley and Harold .

Jennie M., daughter of Isaiah, born July 25, 1866, married Everett Gore and has three daughters: Ina, who married James Vawters and has two sons, John and James; Elma, who married Lorn McCoy and has a son, Robert; and Pansy, unmarried.

Katherine Countryman, daughter of George, deceased, born June 31, 1834, married Joseph Briggs. They had one daughter, Jane, deceased. Later, after his death, she again married Lewis Turner, and two sons, Alonzo A. and James were born. Alonzo married Vada Chatman and had two sons, Raymond and Walter.

The other son, James, married Drusilla Harness. They had one daughter, Eva, who married E. J. Gulick.

James Monroe, youngest son of George Countryman, was born Oct. 3, 1844, deceased. He married Hulda Benson. Issue: three sons and one daughter. John Wesley, the oldest son, was born May, 1874, and married Clara Louise Peker, Dec. 6, 1899. She was born Nov. 4, 1876. Issue: one son,

Jack Benson, born Dec. 1, 1908. Charles, son of James Monroe, is unmarried and lives at home.

Everett, youngest son, wed Elva Wood. Issue: Clarence, Leona and James. Minnie, the only daughter of James Monroe, wed Charles Wood. Issue: Lorn and John. By second marriage to A. C. Suafford, three daughters: Luella, who wed Paul McCoy; Lucille and Mary.

James Monroe Countryman was a soldier in the Civil War.

Dollie Countryman, a sister of George Countryman, came to Indiana and married Aaron Welty, of Carroll county, Indiana. Issue: five sons and one daughter.

Lineage of Pennsylvania Countrymans.

Contributed by Jonas M. Cook, Somerset Co., Pa.

George Countryman was the ancestor of all of that name in this part of Pennsylvania; came as pioneer settler to Brothersvalley township, Bedford county, later this part called Somerset county, Pa. He made application for title to 410 acres of land Dec. 9, 1772; same surveyed May 17, 1774. It was what was known as a "tomahawk claim." Some think he had come here in 1761 or 1763, before 1769 when lands were forest open to sale and settlement here west of the Allegheny mountains. One story is that he bought the land from a "trespassing squatter" hunter for nine pounds, English money. George Countryman emigrated with his family in due time from Conococheague Valley, that is, from what is now Hagerstown, Washington county, Maryland, or in that vicinity just below the Pennsylvania line. He would return to his former home in the winter and work and come back in the spring with supplies. His land was in the vicinity of what is now called Hays Mills, Brothersvally township, Somerset county, Pa. George Countryman married a Miss Griffith. We are certain he had at least three children, namely George Jr., Jacob and Susanna, and we are sure that the original George Countryman died prior to Nov. 12, 1799, and that he was a Revolutionary "Court Martial Man" sol-

dier 1777-1779. It is our impression that George Countryman, Jr. moved to Illinois or Indiana and there died; that Susanna may have been his daughter - one named above The mere fact that original George Countryman came to this region from Maryland need not deter you from further investigation as this was the general direction for settlers Westward as many Pennsylvanians came by way of Conococheague Settlement on account of mountains and sparsely settled country to northward on a more direct line from the east.

The Countryman land is 12 to 14 miles southeast of Somerset, Pa., and Somerset township adjoins Brothersvalley township. Good coal was first discovered there and grst fuel for Somerset town came from that farm, and for many years, up to 1810. Simon Hay, ancestor of thewealthy family of Hays, came with original George Countryman on one of his trips and became a settler here. Simon Hay married Anna Mary Shaver.

Jacob Countryman, the son of original George, was born in Bedford county, now Somerset county, in 1787; died March 4, 1869, aged 82 years, 2 mos, and 8 days. He married Hannah Lane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lane, of Berlin, Somerset county, Pa. Children of this marriage: Mary, married George Hay, who was the third child of pioneer Simon Hay; Catharine, Jacob J., Malinda, Caroline, Jerome, Samuel, Ephriam, Francis J. To these we think, should be added an Elizabeth.

As to Francis J. Countryman. He married Laura Fritz, a daughter of George Fritz. Their children were Clarissa, George J., Jacob, Ellen, Henry, Elriam, Tracy, Milton, Herman, William. Francis J. Countryman died in Jenner township Somerset county, Pa., in Oct., 1883. His wife died at Meyersdale, Somerset county, in Feb. 1887.

As to George J. (Jacob) Countryman. He was born in 1854; member of German Reformed Church; a very intelligent man. He married Belinda Hay in 1874, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Hay, of Brothersvalley township, Somerset county, Pa. The children to this union were: one,

William, who married Estella Pile, in Somerset county, on Oct. 21, 1901. In 1906 they had one child, James. Two, Harvey, who married Edith Dysart, of Nachusa, Illinois, on December 27, 1905. Three, Harry A. G., who was born in Jennerstown, Somerset county, April 1, 1880. He married Nellie Ardene Gaynor on Nov. 14, 1901, at Somerset, Pa., a daughter of Thomas and Frances (Fogle) Gaynor. In 1906 this couple had one child, Thelma Marie, born March 31, 1906. Harry A. G. Countryman worked on a dairy farm in Dixon, Ill., present residence is Somerset, Pa. Four, Ellen, who married John Seibert on June 7, 1903. John Seibert died prior to 1906.

George Jacob Countryman died in Quemahoning township, Somerset county, Pa., April 28, 1890.

Hostetler Genealogy, Page 541, No. 4920: Miss Lillie G. Countryman, teacher, married in 1890, Alvn B. Gnagey, of Meyersdale, Pa.; he was born Oct. 9, 1869 and died June 1, 1899. They had one son born Dec. 22, 1890.

Frank J. Countryman elected County Commissioner here 1872; Jacob B. Countryman, coroner 1861; Jacob Countryman served by appointment several months as sheriff in 1863; Francis Countryman, coroner 1864-1865; William F. Countryman, justice of the peace in Somerset township, in 1845.

There were Countrymans in Northumberland county, Pa., during period of Revolutionary War, also in Philadelphia. It is not improbable that original George Countryman was from Northumberland county (before Conochocague.)

There was a Peter Countryman here pretty early.

Christopher and Christian Countryman servevd in War 1812-14 from here.

Later Countryman Notes.

Later investigation would seem to indicate that the Jacob Countryman given on Sheet No. 1 (XX) was a son of a Jacob Countryman, who was a son of the original George Countryman, or that there was a brother to George Countryman (the original) named Jacob Countryman, who had a son Jacob also.

We find that this Jacob Countryman in question died prior to Sept. 9, 1805; that he had a warrant for land in Brothersvalley township, Somerset county, Pa., dated Sept. 25, 1792. His children so far as can be learned in so short a time were Jacob, eldest son; Benjamin, second son; and daughters Mary and Elizabeth, who were both under fourteen years of age on Sept. 9, 1805.

We find that a George Countryman, presumably George Jr., died prior to May 1801, and that his administrators were Barbara Countryman (his wife) and John Goedinger. Latter may have married a daughter. There are not any Goedingers in Somerset county at this date—a strange name here.

We are now more than ever positive that Susanna (Suzanne) Critchfield Countryman mentioned in Sheet No. 1 was a daughter of the original George Countryman, though there is a doubt because she was under age Feb. 28, 1809, therefore may have been a daughter of Geo. Countryman, Jr

We find that a Jacob Countryman served in the Revolutionary War, 1778-1780-1782, from Northumberland county, Pa., and he may have moved here.

The lands of these men were on or near Blue Lick Creek, this county.

In the 1796 Assessment for Brothersvalley township, Somerset county, Pa., the first after Somerset county was organized from Bedford county, there appears the names of Jacob Countryman and George Countryman—in this order, as owners of land and taxable.

In 1848 Francis Countryman is given as a deacon of Mount Zion Reformed Church, in Brothersvalley township.

The name Countryman is distinctive here; does not appear in early records of adjoining counties. However, as Bedford, Pa., was the county seat town and Carlisle yet earlier the county seat town valuable information may be obtained from the court records at each place, more particularly in Bedford.

The only Countryman given in the 1790 government census for Bedford county, Pa., later Somerset county, in Brothersvalley township or anywhere here then, is Jacob Countryman, who had a wife and two sons over 16 and one daughter over 16. This was the first government census taken in the United States.

Countryman Family Notes. (As of Year 1899)

Edward L. Countryman was born in Somerset township, Somerset county, Pa., on Nov. 27, 1859, now living at Somerset Rfd. 6, Lavansville, Pa. He was a son of Jacob B. Countryman; his paternal grandfather was Benjamin Countryman, who was born Feb. 18, 1794 in Brothersvalley, township, Somerset county, Pa., and who died May 23, 1881, at Lavansville, Pa. This Benjamin Countryman married Catharine Lang, a daughter of Rev. Wm. F. Lang, of Somerset, Pa., a Lutheran minister. In consequence this branch of Countryman family are mostly Lutherans. Catharine Lang was born Feb. 1, 1794, died May 12, 1880, as wife of Benjamin Countryman. Children of this couple: Eliza, widow of Jacob Cable, had one child; George A., whose daughter, Lavina, marr John Dietz; Frank B., who married Mary Ann Lichty; Jacob B., born in Milford township, Somerset county, Pa., Dec. 16, 1819, and died Nov. 27, 1889, this Jacob B. Countryman married Miss Lydia Shaulis (Schallis) who was born in Jefferson township, Somerset county, Pa., April 10, 1823 and died Dec. 5, 1891. Children of this union: Mary K., wife of Simon P. Weimer, who have one child, Belinda M., wife of Wesley Brougher, who have children: Grace, Frank, Clark and Edward; Washington F., who married Sarah J. Gardner and have children: Elsie, Dora, Luth-

er and Ray; Edward L., whose name begins this information; Harry (Harvey) L., deceased, who married Miss Ellen Musser whose father was Alexander Musser. Their children: Jacob and Elwood; George L., died prior to 1899, the three children of said Jacob B. and Lydia Shaulis Countryman.

Again as to Edward L. Countryman. He married Miss Sarah A. Saylor, Sept. 8, 1896. She was a daughter of Joseph J. and Sarah (Miller) Saylor, who were members of the Millerite Church. Joseph J. died at 61; Sarah (Miller) Saylor at 72, in Middlecreek township.

As to George and Mary (Countryman) Hay. This the George Hay who was a son of pioneer Simon Hay. Simon Hay, a son of George and Mary Hay, was born July 9, 1807, named for grandfather; he married Lydia Walker who was a daughter of George and Catharine (Coleman) Walker; their children were Matilda, who married Cyrus Bowman—three children born to them (2) Dennis, of Berlin, Pa., who married three times: Lizzie Brubaker, Susanna Meese and Jane Wagner. Chas. O. Hay, a son, lives at Berlin, Pa. (3) Catharine married John Altfather. (4) Melissa married William Dickey, two children. (5) Benjamin F. Hay married Harriet Glessner, daughter of Henry and Lydia (Suder) Glessnes. Benj. F. lives at Berlin, Rfd. 1, Pa. Their children Ellis S., Clarence H., Benjamin K., William F. and Lydia V. Several of them ministers in Reformed Church. The Ellis S. above, married Eve Ora Walker, a daughter of Joseph Walker, had one child. Clarence H., above, married Miss Carrie Lentz, a daughter of John Lentz.

Contributed by Jonas M. Cook, Somerset, Pa.

Mr. John E. Countryman, Rochelle, Ill.

My Dear Sir:—The name Countryman, etc. does not appear in Berks county. A Jacob and Henry Countryman are taxed in 772 in Lower Smithfie'd township, Northampton county, and Jacob and Henry Conterman in Lower Smithfield township in 1785 and 1786, showing them to be the same.

George Countryman had a warrant, dated Dec. 9, 1772, for 200 acres of land in Bedford county, and a warrant dated June 25, 1793, for 100 acres in the same county.

Jacob Countryman had a warrant dated Jan. 29, 1788 for 100 acres in Bedford county, and a warrant dated Sept. 25, 1792 for 150 acres in the same county.

George Countryman lived in Brothers Valley township, Bedford county.

A Christian Countryman was taxed in Union township, Fayette county, in 1785. Was soldier in War of 1812.

George Countryman was a court martial man, appointed Dec. 10, 1777, from Brothers Valley township.

Jacob Countryman was in a company from Northampton county, May 14, 1778.

(Mrs. C. M.) Mary Owen Steinmetz.

545 Center Avenue, Reading, Pa., Jan. 14, 1924.

Andrew Countryman, private 6th Penn. Reg., Continental Line, P175 Penn. Archives, 5th Series.

(Have written to many other counties and cities for further information without avail. J. E. C.)

St. James, Minn., July 3, 1923

Mr. John E. Countryman, Rochelle, Ill.

Dear Sir:—I want to thank you for your invitation of the 24th ult. to attend the family reunion held in your city and had it come a few days sooner would have been tempted to accept. However, there are more coming and hope I may be able to meet some of the "folks" later.

In conversation with A. D. Countryman, at Appleton, this state, some time ago, he informed me that one of the Countrymans at Rochelle had traced the genealogy of the Countryman family and put it in book form. Could you tell me whether I can get a copy?

Father's name was John G., and he was the son of William, who emigrated from Pennsylvania to near Montreal.

Again thanking you for your kind invitation I am

Yours very truly,

(Died Aug. 19, 1923) A. G. Countryman.

A. G. Countryman, the son of John G. and Matilda Countryman, and the grandson of a William Countryman who migrated from Somerset county, Pa. to Canada near Montreal. John G. came to Minneapolis when 19 years old, later wed a Miss Matilda ——. Issue: A. G. and two sisters, a Mrs. Luella Erickson, now in California, and a Mrs. George Teithworth, of Minneapolis.

A. G. Countryman was born in Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 14, 1879, and died at St. James, Minn., Aug. 19, 1823. He wed Jennie Knott, Feb. 6, 1904. Issue: one son, Gordon. He came to St. James in 1900 and worked in the Omaha railroad offices until 1914, when he was chosen Deputy Co. Auditor. He was elected County Auditor of Watonwon county two successive terms, which office he held at time of death. He was a man of musical repute and his services were much sought and freely given.

Fraternally he was a Mason and a member of the Knights Templer and Shrine orders. He also belonged to the Odd ellows, the M. B. A., the E. F. U. and the Royal Arcanium lodges. (Presume his grandfather was the William Countryman previously mentioned as a Justice of the Peace in Somerset county in 1845. J. E. C.)

Peter Countryman, Pobably the Son of George, a Descendant of Henry or Andrew, Who Emigrated from New York After 1738.

Peter Countryman, born in Revolutionary times, was probably the son of Andrew, George or Jacob, Revolutionary soldiers, who in turn were the sons of an Andrew, whom we think emigrated from Ulster county, New York, to Pennsylvania later than 1738, this Andrew being one of the three sons who came with his father, John Frederick, from the Lower Palatinate about 1709 to 1715. Ages of the three sons respectively: 6, 9, 12. The names of these three sons, as later history warrants it, are Conrad, probably the oldest, who settled in the Mohawk valley and had his first born son, Adam, born Jan. 21, 1719. Conrad, in 1731, with two

other men, secured a land grant from George II of England, of 2000 acres of land, then Tryon county, now Montgomery county, N. Y. In 1738 the records at Kingston, Ulster county, N. Y., show an Andraes and Henry Conterman were privates in Capt. Daniel Broadhead's Co. of Foot Militia. We have no later record of their living or dying in New York, so we naturally conclude they must have emigrated to some other state or states—Andrew to Pennsylvania, and Henry to Maryland, later to Virginia, where we find a Henry as a Revolutionary soldier.

The perpetuation of the family name with our early ancestors seemed a religious duty, so these may, and probably were the grandsons of the reputed John Frederick. After personal search and much correspondence, I find no traditional or tangible Countryman records in this country that antedates these here given. Shall consider this record best until some other given is evidently better.

Peter Countryman Descendants.

Peter Countryman and Rosanna, his wife, lived and died in Somerset county, Pa. Their children were: David, the eldest, a bachelor, born in Pennsylvania, emigrated to Wisconsin, owned a farm, and died there; Jacob, Peter, Mary, George, Christian, John, Alexander and Isaac, the last two lived and died in Pennsylvania. John was living on the homestead farm near Somerset in 1871.

Jacob Countryman was born in Somerset county, Pa. Sept. 6, 1806, and his wife, Lydia Freedline, Nov. 1810. This couple moved by covered wagon to Ashland county, Ohio, about 1842, and later moved to Wyandot county, Ohio. He died in DeKalb county, Indiana, April 12, 1873; his wife died Sept. 2, 1868, both buried in the Newville cemetery. To this couple were born eight children: Ludwick, Peter, Elizabeth, Wilson, Catharine, Frank, William, Alvira.

Ludwick was born in Pennsylvania, in 1832 and was a Civil War veteran, 44th Ind. Died in 1903. He had two sons and one daughter, Charles and Pearl. One son died in infancy.

Peter, veteran of the Civil War, 44th Ind., a son of Jacob, had five sons and three daughters: Fred, Butler, Ind., married Martha J. Grust. No children. She died in 1923.

Austen wed Mary Gunsenhouser, had one son, Ivin, who died Sept. 21, 1888 at age of five years.

Emma wed Wm. Baron. Issue: a daughter, Mabel, born in 1887, died 1906, and a son, Clarance, who married Nettie Cooley, Sept. 7, 1912 and have one son.

Willis, Butler, Ohio. 1st wife, Emily Russell. No children. 2nd wife, Iva ———. No children.

Allen, Hicksville, Ohio. Wed Minnie Christoffel. Issue, Glen. Wed Mary Scranton, Nov. 28, 1916. One daughter. Kenneth wed Maud Lindsay, Oct. 12, 1918, have two girls, LaVera, wed Loren Carey, Aug. 7, 1920, have one son. Edna, wed Donald Miller, Aug. 7, 1920, have one daughter.

Lillie, Portland, Oregon. Wed ——— Cover. Issue: two sons and a daughter. Lloyd is married and has two sons and a daughter. Allen and Edith, both single.

Alta, deceased. Wed Samuel Moore. Issue: Forest, Geneva, Lotis. 2nd marriage to L. D. Hart. Issue, Earl, Pearl, Lillie, May and Russell. Forest Moore wed Mildred Galloway, Sept. 14, 1921, no children. Geneva Moore wed George Lord, Feb. 10, 1921; issue: Helen Louise, born Feb. 26, 1922, and one son, Charles Austen, born Oct. 15, 1923. Earl and Pearl Hart are twins. Pearl wed Amos Curtiss, October 21, 1922.

Ora. Married Ida Howell, (deceased), Dec., 1901. Issue: a daughter, Bernice, who wed Ralph Beerbower in 1921 and has a son. 2nd marriage to Ethel Hughs in 1912. No issue.

Elizabeth Countryman, daughter of Jacob and Lydia Countryman, born in Pennsylvania in 1836. Wed Amos Young. Issue: one son and two daughters. She died April 21, 1865.

Willson, son of Jacob Countryman. No children.

Catharine Countryman, daughter of Jacob, born in Pennsylvania. Wed Ervin Yarnell. Issue: Willis and Harry. This family moved to Des Moines, Ia.

Frank Countryman, son of Jacob, born in Pennsylvania. Moved from Ohio to Hood River, Wash.

William Countyman, Hicksville, Ohio, son of Jacob and Lydia Countryman, was born in Wyandot county, Ohio, Feb. 9, 1854. He wed Pauline Smith, Aug. 21, 1877. Issue: Carl A., born Dec. 13, 1880. He married Jean Mallahan, September 1, 1903, and have two children: Lucile, born April 19, 1906, and Marjorie, born Jan. 23, 1918. Kenneth W., born Sept. 25, 1889. He married Blanche Andrews, June 15, 1914. Issue: Betty A., born Nov. 15, 1914; Louise, born June 3, 1917, and Leota Edna, born Nov. 3, 1918. Carl lives at Ft. Wayne, Ind. Kenneth at Coldwater, Mich.

Frances Alvira Countryman, daughter of Jacob and Lydia Freedline Countryman, of Somerset county, Pa., was born Aug. 31, 1855, died June 5, 1881. Wed Alonzo Thompson. Issue: Chas. R., an attorney, Detroit, Mich.; Owen E., Aarchie G. and Minnie, who wed a Mr. Miller. Owen lives at Hudson, Mich., Rfd. 4.

Peter Countryman, Jr., son of Peter and Rosanna Countryman, was born in Somerset county, Pa., Sept. 18, 1808. Was married Feb. 11, 1830. In 1840 he moved his family and effects by wagon to Shanesville, Ohio. Again in 1844 he emigrated to Douds Leando, Van Buren county, Ia., living there until his death, April 26, 1867. In this family were eleven children, seven sons and four daughters: Josiah, Eliza, Anna, Amos, Sarah, Lucy, Michael and William, twins; George W., Frank and Noah.

Josiah Countryman, eldest son of Peter Countryman, Jr., was born near Somerset, Pa., March 23, 1831. He wed Mrs. Rachel Stevens. Had nine children: Emma, Minnie, John V., Lillie, Bertha, Earnest, Edward (killed on railroad Dec. 19, 1896), and Grace. Emma wed ——— Lewis. Issue: Velma, Josaphine, Bessie, William, Agusta, Winafried and Elmer. Minnie, 1st marriage to Mr. Miller. Issue: Lester. 2nd marriage to Mr. Snyder. Issue: Grace, Charlotte and Hoover. Grace Snyder wed Geo. Jones, in Camp Cody. Issue: Mary, born in 1919; Lester, born in 1920, and Doma Charlotte, born in 1922. Lillie Countryman wed Mr. Parson. Issue: John L., Mildred, Campbell, Robert, Forest.

John V. Countryman, son of Josiah, born Jan. 7, 1872, wed Miss Rhoda Gabelman, Jan. 29, 1909. Issue: four children: Irma Viola, John Kenneth, Vera Evelyn and Gratia Iola. Bertha wed a Mr. Stewart. Issue: Josiah, Maurice, Helen and Hollis.

Earnest Countryman, son of Josiah, born June 27, 1882, wed Fairy Johnson. Children: Marjorie Lucille, born in 1907, and Thorton Burdette, born in 1911.

Grace Countryman, youngest daughter of Josiah Countryman, wed a Mr. Jamison. Issue: Opal, Gibbs, Paula, Orton and Francis.

Eliza, eldest daughter of Peter Countryman, wed Addison Kerr.

Anna Countryman, daughter of Peter, died in Ohio, aged five years.

Amos Countryman, son of Peter, died in Iowa, at the age of eight years.

Sarah Ann Countryman, daughter of Peter, wed James Ferrell. Issue: Emeline, William and Katy, all dead.

Lucy Countryman, youngest daughter of Peter, wed John Boyd. Issue: Samuel, of Gardner, Kansas; James, of Fairfield, Ia., and Clara, of Libbertyville, Ia. Mrs. Boyd still living in 1925.

Michael Countryman, son of Peter, born in VanBuren county, Iowa, wed Martha Morrow. Issue: Cora, Oliver and Ida. Oliver was in Regular Army, Spanish-American and World Wars.

William Countryman, a twin of Michael, and son of Peter, was a bachelor and a well-to-do farmer in Iowa. Died at Libbertyville, Iowa, and is buried in Zion Lutheran cemetery, where his parents, brothers and sisters are buried.

George W. Countryman, son of Peter, was born in Iowa. Wed Leanna Chalfant. Issue: Charles, was musician in Spanish-American War, now in Salt Lake, Utah; George, an undertaker at New London, Iowa; Nellie, wed Fred Spellman, and Jessie, living in California. George W. and wife in 1925 were living at Glendale, Calif.

Franklin Countryman, son of Peter, born in VanBuren county, Iowa, married Harriet Prince. Has one son, Leonard.

Noah Countryman, youngest son of Peter, wed Clara Stearns. Children: Frederick, Estella, Weltha, John Fremont, Jay and Clyde. The eleven children of Peter Countryman are all dead now, 1925, except Lucy, George W. and Franklin.

George Countryman, son of Peter and Rosanna Countryman, wa sborn in Somerset county, Pa., in 1815, and came to Ashland county, Ohio, in 1850, and worked for his bother, Christian, two or three years, and then settled on and cleared a farm of 100 acres in Defiance county, Ohio. He wed Clara Sash, of Ft. Wayne, Ind. Issue: three children: Andrew J., Nancy A. and Walter, who died in infancy. Andrew J. is a bachelor living in DeKalb county, Ind. Nancy wed a Mr. Davis. Issue: four children, Stanley, Ethel, Dale and Vaughn. The last two were in World War. Stanley is married and lives on his uncle, A. J's farm. Andrew J., born Dec. 25, 1860. George, the father, died in 1887.

Christian Countryman, son of Peter and Rosanna Countryman, was born in Somerset county, Penn., Jan. 6, 1817. Wed Barbara Kline, of the same county, in 1840 or 41. Issue: Elizabeth C. Snyder, born in Pennsylvania, March 18, 1842; Jacob, born in Ohio, Nov. 23, 1845; Nancy C. Davis, born in Ohio, Dec. 3, 1847; Peter Countryman, born Jan. 10, 1849; Anna M. Countryman Hart, born Feb. 10, 1851; Mary E. Countryman Tilton, born April 30, 1853; Sarah Jane Countryman Johnson, born Sept. 30, 1855; Lydia Countryman Metzer, born Aug. 18, 1861. Anna M. Hart, Mary Tilton and Lydia Metzer living, 1924.

Christian Countryman, with wife and one child, Elizabeth, came from Somerset county, Pa., to Ohio, in a covered wagon, hauling his entire outfit. About 1843 he bought a 160 acre wooded farm, six miles east of Ashland, Ohio, at $7.00 per acre. This land he cleared, made a home to 1903, when he died at the ripe age of 86 years. Mr. and Mrs. Countryman were faithful members of the Lutheran church and

always talked German. His politics, Republican, and was school director and assessor several years.

Peter Countryman, son of Christian and Barbara Countryman, was born Jan. 10, 1849, in Perry township, Ashland county, Ohio, and was married to Celena Myers, also of Ashland county, Feb. 12, 1870. To this union were born two children, Preston Elsworth, born July 13, 1871, and Perry Simon, born Jan. 3, 1875, both born in Ashland, Ohio. Perry Simon Countryman died Sept. 5, 1893, death caused by kick from a horse.

Peter Countryman was born and reared and spent his entire life in Ashland county, Ohio. Both Mr. and Mrs. Countryman united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in early childhood. Politics, Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Countryman spent the early part of their life on the farm, later moving to the village of Jeromeville, where they lived until the time of his death, April 13, 1924, from a paryletic stroke April 1, 1923. He was confined to his bed one year, a very patient sufferer. Mrs. Countryman, his wife, still resides in Jeromeville.

Preston Elsworth Countryman was married to Emma Eilen Scott, Dec. 12, 1893. Both were of Ashland county, O. To this union were born four children, all of whom are living except the youngest, a son, born August 27, 1908, who died in infancy.

The eldest son, Guy Alvertice Countryman, was born Jan. 27, 1895. Miss Frieda Arminda Countryman, born October 1, 1896. Helen Gould Countryman, born Feb. 4, 1900.

Guy A. Countryman was a student in college at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, when he enlisted for naval service in the World War in May, 1917, and was called into service Jan. 21, 1918, to the Great Lakes Training Station, Chicago, Ill. He was in government service there eight months. From there he was sent to Dunwoody Institute at Minneapolis, Minn., where he passed his examination and was ready to go overseas when the Armistice was signed. He then returned home and has since been employed in the Elite Mfg. Co. He was married to Miss Helen Lucile Wharton, Nov. 5, 1921. To this union one child has been born, a

daughter, Jeane Rosalyn, May 26, 1923. She was christened in the Methodist Episcopal Church April 8, 1924. Both parents united with the M. E. church in childhood. Politically they are members of the Republican party.

Miss Frieda A. Countryman was a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, two years, taking a course in vocal and dramatics, and received her B. M. degree at Ashland College, June 1922. She was married to Emory Duncan Johnson, of Springfield, Mass., June 14, 1923, and is living in Pittsburgh, Pa. Both united with the church in early childhood, he an Episcopalian and she a Methodist. He is a member of the Masonic lodge, and she of the Eastern Star, and are identified in the Republican party politically.

Miss Helen Gould Countryman graduated from Ohio State University, receiving a B. S. degree June 12, 1923. At present she is teaching English in the Ashland High School and is living with her parents at 903 Center St., Ashland, O. She is also a member of the National A. A. Sorority. She united with the M. E. church in early childhood, and is a member of Kappa Phi.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Countryman have lived in Ashland all of their married life except four years which were spent on his father's farm, eight miles east of Ashland.

In the year of 1905, Mr. Preston Countryman entered into a partnership of manufacturing business known as the Elite Mfg. Co., manufacturers of automobile jacks and supplies, also scaffold brackets for carpenters, of which he is still an active member. Both Mr. and Mrs. Countryman have been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church since early childhood. Mr. Countryman is a member of the Masonic lodge and Mrs. Countryman an Eastern Star.

We have been looking forward to the time when we could have a history of the Countryman family, so we shall most certainly want a copy when they are finished.

Anna Countryman Hart, daughter of Christian and Barbara Countryman, was born Feb. 10, 1851; married John S. Hart. Issue: Ulysses Grant, Altha Barbara Cole, Ann Arbor, Mich., Rfd. 6; Addie Alice Lower, Hicksville, Ohio;

Charles Welson Hart, Warren, Ohio; Mary Margaret Mae Bevington, Hicksville, Ohio; John Sherman Hart, Hicksville, Ohio; Elizabeth Bertha Jane Turner, Detroit, Mich.; Lydia Franees Laverne Lybarger, Hicksville, Ohio; Jessie Iona Cromley, Hicksville, Ohio; Lelah Irene. Parents lived to eelebrate golden wedding. Mrs. Hart living, Jan. 1925.

Sarah Jane Countryman, daughter of Christian and Barbara Countryman, born in Ashland county, Ohio. Sept. 30, 1855; married G. W. Johnson, March 28, 1878. Issue: Vera M. Johnson, born March 29, 1885, 6 a. m., in Defiance county, Ohio, married LeRoy Seely, at Defiance, Ohio. Issue: Anabel, born Dec. 8, 1913, Defiance, O. Mrs. Countryman deceased. Father lives with daughter, Mrs. Seely, at Hicksville, Ohio., Jan. 1925. Mr. Seely has a bakery.

John Countryman, Vol. III, P. 1094, 6th Series, Pennsylvania Archives, Malitia Rolls 1783-1790, Philadelphia City. Private John Countryman:

"Philadelphia, Penn. First U. S. Census 1790. John Countryman, males over sixteen, 3; females over sixteen, 2"

John Countryman, a baker in Philadelphia, died about 1810. John Countryman, we believe, was the son of Andrew, who we think moved to Pennsylvania from Ulster county, New York, after 1738. This Andrew, the son of John Frederick, who came with the Palatines to Ulster county about 1709 to 15. Conrad, a brother of Andrew, settled in the Mohawk valley where his first son was born Jan. 20, 1719. A brother, Henry, settled in Maryland, later than 1738, whose son we believe was the Henry Countryman, a Revolutionary soldier in Virginia. The John Countryman above mentioned died Aug. 9, 1811. His wife, Ann, died Sept. 14, 1811.

Christopher, son of John, wed Elizabeth Stiner, May 11, 1809. Children: John, born 1810; Mary Ann, 1813; Emily, 1815; William, 1817; George, 1820; Catharine, 1823; Joseph, 1827. Mary Ann married Edward Parks in 1832. Second marriage to Isaac Lower. Joseph, son of Christopher, wed Jane McHenry. John wed Mary Davis, Nov. 24, 1833. Emily wed John Smith, Feb. 1834. George W. wed

Margaret Goodman, Aug. 27, 1856. Elizabeth, daughter of George and Margaret, born 1858. Wm. Countryman, son of Christopher, wed Maria Williamson. Issue: three sons, William, George and Charles.

Joseph Countryman, son of Joseph, son of Christopher, now of 1725 Ferry Ave., Camden, N. J., was born Jan. 18, 1863, and his wife, Annie Maria Hoover, was born 1868. Children: Joseph, who wed Jennie Barkly Johnson, Sept. 1911; Issue: Matilda Elizabeth, born May 7, 1913, and Leroy Joseph, born April 10, 1919. Matilda Countryman, daughter of Joseph and Annie Maria Countryman, born in Camden, N. J., May 10, 1891, was married to Ensign John Howland Bairstow, June 16, 1915. Mr. Bairstow served the U. S. a year before the World War in carrying supplies to the allies. When the U. S. went into the war they took over the vessel in the navy and he served as lieutenant until September following the Armistiee. Is now chief engineer on boat running between Boston, New York and all ports on Pacific coast. Christopher was a soldier in War of 1812.

Christopher Countryman married Elizabeth Steiner, May 11, 1809. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Samuel Helffenstein, of the German Reformed Congregational Church, Philadelphia. Christopher Countryman was born Aug. 23, 1787, and died Feb. 14, 1828. His wife, Elizabeth Steiner Countryman, was born July 24, 1793 and died Jan. 17, 1867, in Philadelphia.

George W. Countryman was one of the sons of Christopher and Elizabeth Countryman. George was born in Philadelphia, Feb. 29, 1820, and died July 12, 1870, in Philadelphia. George W. Countryman was married to Margaret Goodsman on August 27, 1856. The marriage was performed by the Rev. G. Washington Jerman. Margaret Goodsman Countryman was born May 22, 1833, in Scotland, and died Aug. 27, 1869, in Philadelphia.

George and Margaret Goodsman Countryman had three children: Elizabeth Marion, Mary Ann and Robt. Harner. Elizabeth Marion Countryman was born in Philadelphia, Jan. 19, 1858. Mary Ann Countryman was born in

Philadelphia, Sept. 15, 1861. Robert Harmer Countryman was born in Philadelphia, Sept. 11, 1864.

George G. Thurgaland was married to Mary Ann Countryman March 7, 1882. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Herman L. Duhring, Rector of the All Saints Church, Philadelphia. There were two children born to them, both in Philadelphia. Mabel Grace Thurgaland was born Oct. 22, 1882. Mary Rose Thurgaland was born Jan. 14, 1888 and died Aug. 20, 1888.

Mary Ann Countryman Thurgaland died Jan. 14, 1888, in Philadelphia. Her husband, George G. Thurgaland, died July 1, 1892, in Philadelphia.

Family of George G. Thurgaland and Mary Ann Countryman Thurgaland.

Mabel Grace Thurgaland, daughter of George G. Thurgaland and Mary Ann Countryman Thurgaland, was born in Philadelphia, Oct. 22, 1882. She was married to William Daniel Hearn, in Vallejo, Calif., Sept. 18, 1907. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Theodore Burnham, of the First Presbyterian Church.

Jeunevieve Roberta Hearn, daughter of Mabel G. Thurgaland Hearn and William D. Hearn, was born in San Francisco, Calif. June 24, 1908. Now resides in Vallejo, Calif. William D. Hearn was born March 22, 1884, in Vallejo, Calif., and died Sept. 13, 1911, in San Francisco.

Mabel Grace Hearn was married the second time to George Edward McGill, June 4, 1917, at Modesta, Calif. There are no children of this second marriage. George Edward McGill was born Sept. 14, 1874, in Vallejo, Calif.

Mrs. George Edward McGill and his wife, Mabel G., are residents of Vallejo, Calif. Jeunevieve Roberta Hearn is also a resident of Vallejo.

Robert Harmer was born Sept. 11, 1864. He married Jennie A. McWilliams, June 26, 1889. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. V. Anthony, of the Methodist Episco-

pal Church, of San Franciseo. His wife, Jennie A. Countryman, was born in San Franeisco, Oct. 2, 1865.

There were two ehildren born, both sons, to Robert Harmer and Jennie A. Both were born in San Francisco.

Harmer William was born March 20, 1890. He married Nellie Jane Leavitt, July 1, 1916. There are no children of the marriage of Harmer and Nellie. Harmer and Nellie were married by Rev. Charles F. Bazata, of Howard Presbyterian Church, San Francisco.

The second son of Robert and Jennie was named Ralph Harrison Countryman, and was born Sept. 25, 1893. He married Grace Elizabeth March, in San Francisco, June 8, 1918. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Thomas P. Boyd, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Chureh of San Francisco. There were two children born of this marriage of Ralph and Grace; one a son, named Robert Harmer Countryman II, born April 5, 1919, in San Francisco. The other child, a daughter, named Barbara Jane Countryman, born at Camp Lee, Virginia, Nov. 11, 1920. Both are living in San Francisco.

Ralph Harrison Countryman was drowned near the Point of Rocks in the Appomatox River, Virginia, on Dec. 4, 1920, in the line of duty while serving as a Captain in the 62d U. S. Infantry, then stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia.

Robert Harmer Countryman received the degree of L. L. B., Class of '88, University of California. He has always practiced his profession in San Franeisco. He is also a member of the Oregon State Bar and Ameriean Bar Association. Was delegate from California to Republican National Convention at Chicago, 1904. In 1909 a eandidate for Mayor of San Francisco.

Harmer William Countryman graduated from the Agricultural Department of the University of Colifornia in the class of 1916. He is farming in Monterey eounty, Calif.

Ralph Harrison Countryman was a member of the Class of 1919, University of California. He was commissioned as 2d Lieutenant, and as 1st Lieutenant and as Captain

in the United States Army.

Robert Harmer Countryman,
Oct. 21, 1924 San Francisco, Calif.

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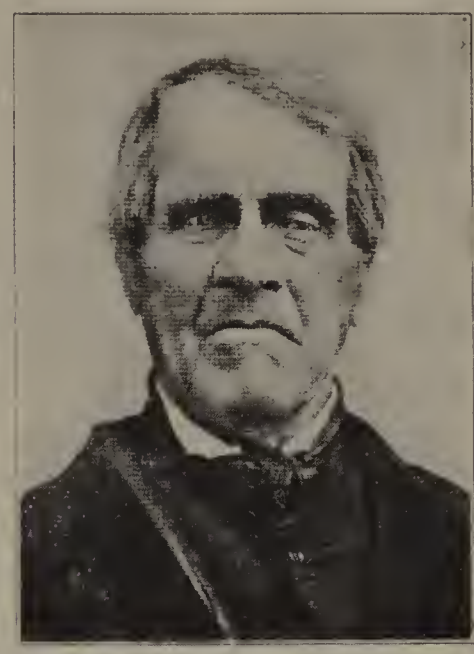
718 Harrison Ave., Canon City, Colo.

Mr. John E. Countryman, Rochelle, Ill.

Dear Sir:—I received your letter some time ago but have been too busy to give it proper attention. Regarding my family history will say that I can not give you as much of it as I wish I could, as my father's parents both died when he was small. To begin with, his grand-father came from Germany and settled in Pennsylvania. I don't know his name or any of the family history. His son, Peter, married Matilda Ames, a sister of Oakes Ames and Baker Ames, and moved to Ingham county, Michigan. Unto them the following children were born: Margaret Shipley, now 86, Ft. Wayne, Ind., Rachel, Jacob, Joseph, Isaac, Daniel and Peter. Peter died in infancy. Joseph, Isaac and Daniel served in the Civil War. Joseph was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg. Isaac received his death wound at Shiloh and died some time afterwards. Daniel, my father, served in the Michigan 9th, and was discharged on account of physical disability, and re-entered in the Michigan 28th and served till the close of the war. He married Evlyn Clark, Sept. 1870 and unto them were born the following children: Daniel Luther, now of Nampa, Idaho; Eliza M. Snyder, of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; Baker A., Canon City, Colo; Thomas F. Spokanne, Wash.; Mrs. Harriett E. Lindberg, Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and William T. S., of Maple Hill, Kansas. Also George Edward, who died in infancy. Daniel Luther has two boys, Lloyd A. and Merton. Mrs. Linberg has one girl, Evlyn. And I have one girl, Mary Lenora. Thomas F., has one girl, Mary Catherine. My brother, Thomas, is a lawyer. William is a druggist. Daniel L. is a farmer, and I am a physician and proprietor of The American Drug Co., Canon City, Col. None of us served in the wars, however, Lloyd was in training at Manhattan, Kansas, for some itme. Daniel Countryman was the first white child born in Wheatland township, Ingham county, Michigan. B. A. Countryman



Adam J. Conderman

Adam Contreman, son of Conradt 1st, was born Jan. 21, 1719. His son, Hannes, later John Adam, was born Feb. 13, 1748, and his son, Adam J., was born in Herkimer county, N. Y., Jan. 31, 1784, and died in the town of Fremont, Steuben county, N. Y., Oct. 27, 1870. He served as aid-d-camp to General Winfield Scott in the memorable battle of Lundy Lane. After the war of 1812-14 he followed the occupation of blacksmith, at Pages Corners, in the town of Warren, Herkimer county, N. Y. In 1835 he migrated with his family to what was then known as the town of Howard, now Fremont, Steuben county, N. Y. He married Elizabeth Brunner, of Stark, Herkimer county, New York. Their sons' names were: Abram, David, John D., Caleb, and Hiram, all of whom spent energetic and prosperous lives in Steuben county, N. Y.

David Conderman.

David Conderman began h's married life on a farm located on what was known as Dutch Street, in the town of Fremont, Steuben county, N. Y., where he resided for several years and was one of the colony of Condermans who lived on Dutch Street and nearby territory. He subsequently left the farm and moved to Hornellsville, where he established a wagon factory, which he conducted for many years. The products of his factory are in some instances in use today. They represented the highest type of workmanship of those days, being exceptionally durable and well built. He was an exceptional fine salesman and dealer and as a result he accummulated considerable property, owning at the time of his death several fine business blocks as well as houses and farms in this section. Some years prior to his death he became interested in farm lands in Iowa, near Oelwein, and died possessed of about $50,000 worth of Iowa farms. He was one of the representative citizens of his day—a Republican in politics, and an attendant of the Baptist church.

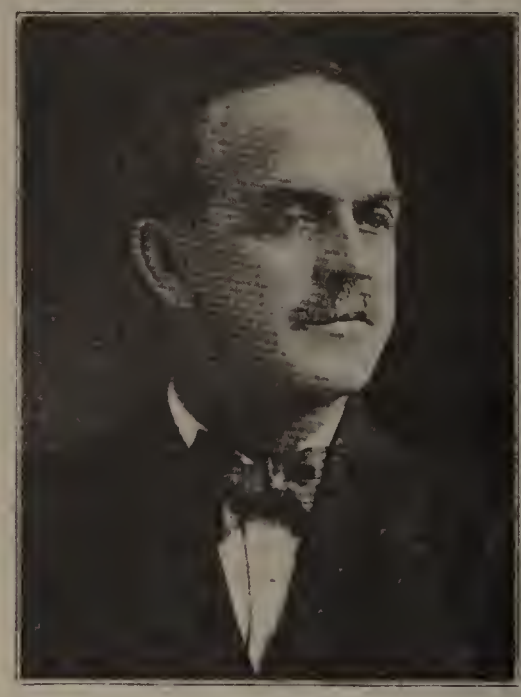
John D. Conderman

John D. Conderman, son of Adam J., was born in the town of Warren, Herkimer county, N. Y. Sept. 30, 1820. With his father he moved to Fremont, Steuben county, N. Y., in 1835. He married Aseneth Spaulding, of the town of Howard, and bought some land and built a log house and started housekeeping in the town of Fremont, where he resided until 1874, when he moved to Hornell, N. Y., where his latter years were spent. He died July 17, 1890, at the ripe age of 93 years, leaving a widow, who survived him nearly 30 years. By his industry and frugality he secured title to over one thousand acres of the county's best land and gave to each of his four sons a farm of 150 acres when having arrived at maturity. In his earlier years he was a drover, combining it with farming. He was a lover of fine stock—especially horses, of which he always had fine specimens and were his cherished hobbies. In politics—a Democrat. He belonged to no fraternal or church organization. Was a great lover of nature and recognized her laws immutable govering all things present and in the future. Was a humanitarian in the broadest sense, expecting his future would be the common lot of man.

Caleb Conderman

Was born in Minden township, Montgomery county, New York, Feb. 1, 1824. Died July 26, 1898 Married Sally Ann Mullholland in 1845. Mother was born March 16, 1821, and died Aug. 28, 1888. Both are buried at Hornell, Steuben county, N. Y., where they had lived for many years, raising a family of five children: Elizabeth A. Bradley, Emma S. Lattimer, Rodaska F. Chapin, Jay G. Conderman and Wilber R. Conderman, deceased, of Hornell, N. Y. Grandfather Adam J. Contreman and family, with his father, John A. and mother, who were very old, moved from Minden, N. Y. about 1830 to Steuben county, N. Y., locating on a farm on Dutch Street, a country road in Fremont township, starting a blacksmith shop, which trade our father followed on his own farm near by. Afterwards moving to Hornellsville (now Hornell, N. Y.) a few miles away, where he continued his trade and the manufacture of wagons and carriages, accumulating other property. As age came on he transferred his business to his son, Wilber R. Conderman, and did not engage in any active business thereafter.

Note.—The original name Contreman did not change to Conderman in my grandfather, Adam J's, family until after one of his daughter's death in 1836, as evidenced by a headstone at her grave in the Dutch Street cemetery, Fremont, N. Y., where also he and his father, John A., are buried



Jay G. Conderman

Was born at Hornell, Steuben county, N. Y., April 16, 1859. Married Julia Long, deceased. She had one son, Julian Caleb Conderman, of Detroit, Mich., born Oct. 30, 1893. Jay G. was taught part of the wagon and carriage trade. In 1881 he went to Michigan and entered into the manufacture of shingles, afterwards following the lumber business in its various forms in Michigan, Oregon, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Indiana, until about June 8, 1897, when he married Alice M. Bloom, going soon after into the making of wire jewelry at retail. In 1900 he presented the first knock-down transportable Conderman pleasure wheel (Ferris wheel), following the state and county fairs and carnivals during the summer and fall season throughout the United States and Canada. Manufacturing at Hornell, N. Y. with his brother, Wilber R., deceased, and selling the manufactured product throughout the world, he living at Troy, Bradford county, Pa . When the fair and carnival business got to be non-respectable, he gave it up, going t oChicago in 1908 to live. He built and managed the fourth out of the loop theater, The Julian. He was one of three to organize the Lake View State Bank, Clark and Belmont, Ave., one of the first outlying banks in Chicago, a very successful institution. Next he built the

first exclusive Julian Bachelor Apartment Hotel in the city, which he managed to the present time at 924 Belmont Ave. He and his wife, Alice M., who died Feb. 3, 1922, interested themselves in the genealogy of the Contreman family and its many orthographical changes of the name from 1707 up to the present time.

Jacob J. Conderman and Sister, Katy.

Jacob J. Conderman, a grandson of Adam, the eldest son of Conradt 1st, and the youngest son of (Hannes) John Adam and Catherine Horning Conderman, was born in Minden, Montgomery county, N. Y., June 1, 1805. Married Lydia Ann Maydole, Oct. 11, 1831. To this union three children were born: Elias W., Juliet and Ruth Ann. Moved to Illinois, arriving at Amboy, May 3, 1850, coming via from Haskinsville, N. Y. to Buffalo, thence by lake to Detroit, across Michigan by railroad to New Buffalo, again by boat across Lake Michigan to Chicago, thence by canal to Peru, Ill., then by team to what was then Binghampton, Lee county, Ill., later settling in Marion township, Lee county, where he lived until his death. The lady in cut with him is his sister, Katy.

Elias W. Conderman

Elias W. Conderman, great grandson of Adam, of Conradt 1st, and son of Jacob J. and Lydia Ann Maydole Conderman, was born in New York State, Sept. 18, 1833. Came west from Steuben county, N. Y., when a boy, with his father in 1850. Taking a three day drive by wagon to Buffalo thence by water to Detroit, Mich., thence by rail to New Buffalo, crossing lake Michigan to Chicago. Then by a canal boat drawn by a horse, arriving at Peru, May 2, 1850, driving by team May 3 to Lee county, Illinois. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., also the Daughters of Rebekah. Is still living at Amboy, Ill. He wed Aurelia Cadwell, Dec. 31, 1857. She died Nov. 21, 1916. Children: Lydia, Edwin J. and Nellie E., all living at Amboy, Ill.

Daniel Conderman

Daniel Conderman, great grandson of Adam, of Conrad 1st, and son of Solomon and Sophrona McFall Conderman, was born in Howard, Steuben county, N. Y.. Jan. 5, 1839. When a young man he came with his parents to Illinois, locating in 1860 on the farm in East Grove township, Lee county, where he resided until his death, Jan. 25, 1924. He was united in marriage April 10, 1860, to Catharine Mahala Cadwell, of Amboy, Ill., who preceded him in death March 16, 1907. Eight children were born to them: Orin, who was killed in the Civil War; Mrs. Harriett Nelson, Mrs. Addie Colman, of Beardstown. Ill.; Mrs. Josephene Tabor, of Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Ella Perry, of Couer de Alene. Idaho; Joseph Conderman, of East Grove, Ill.; Albert Conderman, of Amboy, Ill., and Curtis Conderman, of Amboy, Ill. Two children. Orin and Harriett, preceded him in death.

Adam Conterman

William Conterman

Adam Conterman, born in Minden, Montgomery county. N. Y., Jan. 16, 1819, died Jan. 27, 1891. Adam was the oldest son of John A. Conterman and came to West Monroe, Oswego county, with his father in 1836. and continued to live on the old homestead which they bought, until 1870, when he sold his interest in the same to his youngest brother, William, and bought a farm in Hilton. Monroe county, N. Y., where he lived and died. He married for his fisrt wife, (he was twice married), Nancy Hoyt, of West Monroe, N. Y. To them three children were born: George, who is now living at 39 Page St.. Rochester, N. Y.; James, who gave his life for his country in the War of the Rebellion, and Betsey, who married William Fuller, of Central Square, N. Y. (Mrs. Fuller died in 1919.) Adam married for his second wife, a widow lady, Mrs. Betsey Smith. To them two children were born: Ferney and John. John is stil lliving on the old farm in Hilton, N. Y. Adam was strictly honest, industrious and thrifty and showed well the "Good Old Holland Stock" that was in him.

William Conterman, the youngest son of John A. Conterman, was born in Minden, Montgomery county, N. Y.. May 12, 1831, died in Central Square, N. Y., Nov. 28, 1911. As a young man he learned the trade of a cooper and followed that business for a number of years, a part of which time was spent in New York City. In 1870 he purchased full interest in the old homestead, upon which his father settled in 1836 in West Monroe, Oswego county, here he continued to live the greater part of his life, retiring in 1806 to live with his daughter, Ella, in Central Square, N. Y. In 1856 he married Hannah, daughter of Rev. S. W. Leonard, of West Monroe. Their children were Margaret, who died at the age of three years, Dr. William H. Conterman, of Center Square, N. Y.; Edwin Timothy Conterman, of Central Square, N. Y.; Ella, wife of Ben J. Shaver, of Euclid, N. Y., and Arthur, who died at the age of twenty-three from acute appendicitis.

Dr. Wm. H. Conterman

William H. Conterman, the oldest son of William Conterman, was born in West Monroe, N. Y., Feb. 20, 1862. He was born on the old homestead upon which his grandfather settled in 1836. His early education was obtained in the rural schools and Central Square Academy. At the age of sixteen he began teaching school and taught thirteen terms. At the age of twenty, in 1882, he decided to study medicine and in the spring of that year entered the office of Dr. N. W. Bates as a medical student. In Sept. 1883, he entered Albany Medical College and graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Vermont with the class of 1886. He began his practice in Cleveland, N. Y. in the spring of 1887. He built up an extensive practice. In 1895 he decided to take post-graduate work in the New York Poly-clinic, finishing his work there, he came to Central Square (his old home town) where he has since resided and enjoyed an extensive and lucrative practice. Dr. Conterman has always taken great interest in the affairs of life. He is president of the Board of Education, Central Square high school and has been for the past twenty years. He helped to organize and institute the First National Bank of Central Square in 1912, which now has assets of over a million dollars. He is vice president and one of the directors. In 1921 he was chosen president of the Oswego County Medical Society. He has always taken an active part in "preventative medicine." In 1919 he took a course and graduated from the Department of Hygiene and Sanitation, Syracuse University. He is now Health Officer of the Consolidated Dist. Town of Hastings and village of Central Square. He has been a member of the Masonic order since 1888. He is chairman of the Board of Trustees, M. E. church, which he attends. April 26, 1888, he married Florence E. Beeby, of Central Square. She was at that time a teacher in Central Square high school. As the result of this marriage, three sons were born: Frank, Fred and Donald. Dr. Conterman gave his sons a liberal education, two of them have followed in their father's footsteps and are practicing physicians. Dr. Frank B. Conterman, of Ilion, N. Y., has a splendid reputation throughout the Mohawk Valley. Dr. Donald H. Conterman, Buffalo General Hospital. Fred A. Conterman is a mechanical engineer, with the Carpenter Bus-Line, Watertown, N. Y. In 1917, Mrs. William H. Conterman died, leaving her husband and her three boys to mourn her loss. The doctor has since married, to Mrs. Charlotte Bourlier, of Central Square, whose husband was instantly killed at a grade crossing, a lady of splendid reputation and a great worker in the M. E. church.

Henry Countryman.

Henry Countryman was born in Montgomery county, N. Y., August 8, 1811, and died October 1, 1878. He married Catharine (Kate) Dockstater, Jan. 27, 1829. In 1844, in company with his mother, a bother, John; a cousin, Jacob, a Solomon (not informed as to relationship), and a family by the name of Crills, he moved to Wheeling, Cook county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming. They came by way of the Erie Canal and the lakes to Chicago. For a short time he lived in Iowa; Decatur, Ill., thence to Wheeling, Ill. He also owned a farm in Hoophole, Ill., where he died in 1878.

The children are: Abraham, born Nov. 30, 1830; Conrad, born July 20, 1933; Kate Sophia, born April 5, 1836; Philinda, born August 27, 1839; Clarissa Lucinda, born April 10, 1842; Henry, born Nov. 6, 1844; Daniel, born April 21, 1850; Hellen P., born Sept. 19, 1856. The three last named were born in Illinois.

Abraham Countryman.

Abraham Countryman was born Nov. 30, 1830, in Little Falls, N. Y., and died in Hoopole, Ill., Sept. 13, 1897. Married Magdelena Miller, May 25, 1855. He was the eldest son of Henry and Catharine (Dockstater) Countryman. When fourteen years of age he came to Wheeling, Cook county, Illinois, with his parents. At nineteen he entered upon the apprenticeship of carpenter and joiner, which trade he followed until 1865, when he again took up farming. In 1867 he moved to Hoopole, Henry county, Ill., where in 1854 he had purchased 80 acres of unimproved land. Later 80 acres were added to this. The children are: Anna, Frank W., Edwin, William, Adlaid and George.

George C. Countryman.

Born August 15, 1876, reared on a farm near Hoopole, Ill. Attended the country school, and by working at the trade of a carpenter earned enough money to pay for his education at Dixon, Ill., and graduated from Marion Normal College with the degree of A. B., 1900. Taught Latin and Greek at Dallas College, Dallas, Oregon. Came to Western Union College, 1902, filling the chair of classical languages, and later became head of the English department. Served four years as county superintendent of schools of Akron, Iowa. Was elected superintendent of the city schools of Davenport, Washington. Came to Everett, Washington, in 1913, as teacher of agriculture and manual training. Is now in the English department of the Everett high school and instructor of dramatics. Graduated from Western Union College with degree of Ph. B. A graduate of a school of dramatics and has done considerable post graduate work at the State University of Iowa. Is president of the Actors Club and has secured much commendation as an actor. Married Carrie Smith, of West Milton, Ohio, and has one son, Winston U. Countyrman.

Edwin Countryman.

Edwin Countryman was born in Hoopole, Ill., March 21, 1869. Reared on a farm, attending the district school until eighteen years of age. Attended the Geneseo Normal School and graduated from the Dixon Business College in 1890. Clerked two years in a general store. In 1892 took up the trade of carpenter and joiner. Feeling the call to preach the gospel of Christ several years were spent in Western Union College at LeMars, Iowa. Entered upon ministry in 1906 and at present is serving in the Evangelical church. Married Lottie Goembel, Dec. 15, 1897. The children are: Ruth V., Lowell E., Grace M. and Paul D.

Towns of Danube and Stark, Herkimer County, New York.

On April 17, 1817, the town of Danube was taken from the town of Minden, Montgomery county, and annexed to Herkimer county. The town of Stark was formed from Danube, March 28, 1828. In these three townships—Minden, Danube and Stark—most all of the early countryman families were born, reared and died. From this section of Montgomery and Herkimer counties early in the nineteenth century they began migrating to Jefferson, Oneida, Oswego, Seneca, Otsego and Steuben counties, and later to the western states.

East of Starkville, on the town line of Stark and Minden, is where John I. Countryman Sr. reared his large family. He died in 1843, a half mile west of Stakrville.

It was in the town of Stark that the families of Isaac Countryman, David Countryman, Elizabeth Countryman Shaul and Nancy Countryman Patten were born, and from here numbers of them migrated to Illinois in the early 50s and 60s.

In District 8, (Brown's Hollow), town of Stark, is where the families of Isaac and David Countryman attended school and near here, Isaac, an 1812 soldier, is buried.

North of Vanhornsville a couple of miles, is where the family of Elizabeth Countryman Shaul was born.

From the town of Warren, west of Stark, is where Adam J. Conderman migrated to Steuben county, N. Y., in 1835.

The church at Starkville, north of road, is the Evangelical Lutheran church. (See church records.) South of road the M. E. church. Starkville was the P. O. address of many Countrymans.

(D) in town of Danube (west of Cem.) is where George Countryman 2nd and George 3d reared their families. In District 8 ("Frog City") town of Danube, is where the eight sons of John I. Countryman attended school. In Loyal Creek ("G. Dingman's Gulf") is where they went swimming. From this district the Daniel Countryman family and six sons of the John I. Countryman family migrated to Illinois in the 50s and 60s. In this district, John E. taught three successive terms prior to going west in 1867. (Salary $18 to $24 per month and "board around.") In District 2, Danube, Alvin and John E. each taught one winter term.

(983) in Dist. 8, Danube ("Oak Flats") is where Norman, Harvey, Alvin, John E.—four Countryman brothers, were reared, who wed Elizabeth, Laura, Jennie E., Rose L.—four Wagner sisters, born and reared at (864) in Dist. 7, Danube. John E., in his second marriage, wed Mrs. Mary Catharine Wagoner (nee Wagner, widow of W. D. Wagoner), niece of these sisters and also born and reared here.

In Dist. 8, Danube, noted by short dotted lines west of schoolhouse and by F. north of same, is where lived Christina Rice Monk and Katy Rice Wagner.

C. and R., near the east line of Danube, is where Katy Margaret Moyer Cronkhite and Samantha Moyer Cronkhite reared their families—they were daughters of Mary Countryman Moyer, a daughter of John I., Sr., and granddaughter of John, of Conradt 1st.

B., near town line, indicates where Sanford Cronkhite lived. In Dist. 2, at Indian Castle, stands a church built for the Indians prior to the Revolutionary War—here lived King Hendrick and Chief Brant of Indian fame. In Dist. 5, Danube, was the home of Gen. Herkimer, of Oriskany fame, and the monument as noted on map.

In cemetery (noted thus, X Cem.) in Minden township, are interred: George Countryman 2d and George 3d, with several of their families; John I. Countryman, Sr. and wife, Elizabeth; Mary Countryman Moyer, John Moyer and many of his family; Samantha Moyer Cronkhite, John I. Countryman, Jr. and wife, Nancy; Levi Countryman and wife, Martha, and two children; Nicholas Countryman 2d and wife, Elizabeth, with some children; Betsey Conterman Sneck, daughter of John Adam Conterman—grandson of Adam, of Conradt 1st; Christina Rice Monk and Katy Rice Wagner, descendants of George, of Conradt 1st. This cemetery has an adequate fund by which it is well kept. This fund was inaugurated some years since by I. B. Countryman, of Dixon, Ill., youngest son of John I., Jr., making the first contribution of $100.

John Countryman, Son of Conradt 1st.

He was born in what was then Albany county, N. Y., later Tryon, and still later, Montgomery county and the Canojoharie Dist., March 2, 1736. He wed Rachael Richards, born in Stone Arabia, Oct. 29, 1733, on March 4, 1758. Thirteen children were born to this union: Lea, Margaretha, Rachel, Dorothy, Nicholas, Catharine, Susanna, John, Magdalena, Maria, Abraham and Benjamin, all these grew to maturity except Dorothea and Benjamin. The genealogy of all these with the exception of John (later John I.) will be found under: Family Record of Johannes Conterman, in Part II, and of John I. in Part I.

There is record of his owning an interest in the land patent of his father, with a saw mill thereon, which he sold to Abram Oathout, May 6, 1777. About this date he enlisted as a Revolutionary soldier, serving as Ensign to its close in 1783. We have record of his being in the battle of Oriskany, and no doubt was in other nearby engagements. We have reasons to believe he was a member of the Stone Arabia Lutheran church, as its records show the births and baptisms of some of his children prior to his death, which occurred in 1789. As to where buried we have no positive proof—would infer at Stone Arabia, or Sand Hill cemetery near Fort Plain. Tangible evidence indicates he was a pious man. Recent records say he died at Starkville.

Nicholas, the oldest son of John, of Conradt, was born Feb. 2, 1764. He wed Christina Oathout, of a family with Revolutionary record. Children were: John N., Betsey, Rachel, Mary, Susan, Ann and Nicholas, Jr. Several of these were born prior to the first U. S. census in 1890, as that record shows; and church records show some were married early in the first decade of the nineteenth century. Nicholas Jr. was born in 1800, probably one of the youngest, as he had nephews and nieces nearly his age. John N., soldier in War of 1812, wed to Ann ——— and moved early with his family to Oneida county, where many of his descendants live and where he died and is buried at Stokes in that county. Rachael wed Johnathan Pickard, and a son, Solomon, was born in 1803. Betsey wed Hazard Steadman in 1806. Fanny wed Wm. Wormuth and lived in the town of Stark. Mary wed John Roof and reared a family of five children. Susan wed George Moyer, of the town of Stark, and Ann wed Jacob Shaul of the same town. Nicholas Jr. wed Betsey Eckler, of Stark, and reared a large family there. Nicholas Sr., the subject of this sketch, was a Revolutionary soldier. He and his two brothers, John I. and Abram, died the same year, 1843. Am sorry more cuts could not be secured from this family.

Mary Countryman.

Mary Countryman, daughter of Nicholas and Christina Oathout Countryman, and granddaughter of John, of Conradt 1st, was born March 7, 1793, and wed John Roof, of what is now the town of Stark, Herkimer county, N. Y., Oct. 15, 1811. She was the mother of five children, who grew to mature years and respected citizens of the town of Stark, viz: Christian, David, Solomon, Fanny and Mary. She has one surviving grandson: Cola Roof, now a resident of Stark. She was a member of St. James Lutheran church at Starkville. She died April 10, 1863, in Stark, and is buried in the Roof family plot. (More complete genealogy elsewhere in Part II.)

Franklin Countryman.

Franklin Countryman, great-grandson of Nicholas, of John, of Conradt 1st., born in New Haven, Conn., Sept. 23, 1849. Eldest son of Nicholas and Louisa (Hine) Countryman. Graduated at Yale in 1870. Studied theology at Yale Divinity School. Ordained and installed at Prospect, Conn., May 28, 1874. Pastor at Prospect, 1874-1877; at Gengeton, 1880-82; North Branford, 1882-1906; Stony Creek, 1906-1909; East Haddam, Conn., 1909-1924. Served eight years as chaplain of Conn. State Grange. Chaplain of Conn. House of Representatives, 1909-1910. Delegate to National Cong. Council, 1915. Pres. War Bureau, Fuel and Food Commissioner for East Hadam, 1914-1918. Member of County Committee (Middlesex) of Inter Church Movement, 1919. Moderator of Conn. State Association of Cong. Ministers. Was member also of State Committee on Rural Life.

First marriage to Miss Mary I. Pickett, of New Haven, Dec. 26, 1870. She died Aug. 24, 1877. Second marriage to Miss Ella S. Butricks, of New Haven, on Nov. 18, 1880. One child by last marriage: May Ella Countryman. She nas written several plays for amateurs and a child's book, "The Curmer Club," published by Geo. W. Jacobs & Co., Philadelphia, Pa. She is at home, unmarried. and is at present organist of the East Hadam Cong. Chureh.

John I. Countryman, Sr., Son of John, of Conradt 1st.

Was born in what is now Minden, Montgomery county, N. Y., Feb. 12, 1768. Wed Elizabeth Hoke, of what is now the town of Stark. Herkimer county, N. Y., July 19, 1791. To this union were born ten children; names and genealogy given in Part I. All were born in what is now Montgomery and Herkimer counties. He was a man of fine physique and had the reputation as a great wrestler. He was a farmer and in connection with farming he operated a home still and was what is termed a moderate drinker. Some of his grocer accounts show his purchase of rum by the gallon, as well as his making alcoholic beverages for sale.

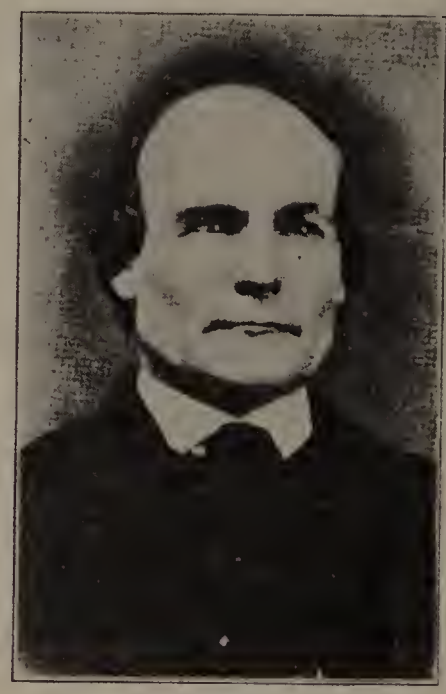
When past middle life he was converted to Christianity, and in 1831, when living near Starkville, the Evangelical Lutheran Chureh of that place, was organized in his house. We have a copy of the organization and pledge of the Starkville Temperance Society organized Feb. 3, 1834. This socicty was an auxiliary to the Herkimer county society, and the pledge was, viz: The memhers of this society believing that the use of intoxicating liquors is for persons in health, not only unnecessary but injurious; and that the praetice is the cause of forming intemperate appetites and habits; and that while it is eontinued, the evils of intempeance can never be prevented—do therefore. agree that we will not, except as a medieine in cases of bodlly infirmity, use distilled, ardent spirits ourselves, or produce them for the use of our families, or provide them for the entertainment of our friends, or for persons in our employment; and that in all suitable ways we will discontinue the use of them in this community.

Only heads of families signed this pledge. Among the first to sign we find the name of John I. Countryman, followed in the list by three of his sons and two daughters: Isaac, John I. Jr., and wife, Nancy; David and wife, Maria; Mary and husband, John Moyer; Nancy and husband, David Patten.

His wife, Elizabeth, died Sept. 7, 1819, and he March 11, 1843. Both are buried in Mt. Hope cemetery, Ford's Bush, with a monument marking their final resting plaee. His second marriage was to a Mrs. Margaret Bauder, a neighbor resident. No issue. No daguereotype nor photo of him is in existence, but euts of children and grandchildren, with sketches, are quite in evidence.

Isaae Countryman.

Isaac Countryman, a grandson of John, of Conrad, and son of John I. and Elizabeth Hoke Countryman, was born in what is now the town of Stark, Herkimer county, N. Y., June 15, 1792. Wed to Delia Shenholds, June 25, 1812. To them were horn twelve children, names and genealogy given in Part I. He was a soldier in 1812 War. They lived and reared their family at Brown's Hollow, in the town of Stark, where he died April 16, 1875, and where both he and his wife are buried. He and his wife were charter members of the Starkville Evangelical Lutheran church and trustee of same. Later he withdrew his membership, believing denominationalism unccriptural. His christianity no one questioned and his catholicity of spirit and his church and christian fellowship included all who lived and manifested the spirit of Jesus Christ. He was a joyous, singing and growing christian. His family devotions, prayer meetings and church services were the meat and drink of his life. He died as he prayed: that he might go to sleep on earth and awake in heaven. His second marriage was to Harriet Willard, a noble Christian lady, with whom he ever lived happily. He was a U. S. pensioner as was his wife after him.



John Countryman.

John Countryman, the great grandson of John, of Conradt, and son of Isaac and Delia Shanholts Countryman, was born in town of Stark, Herkimer county, Jan. 17, 1817. Married Elizabeth Backus, of the same town, March 26, 1837. Moved to Poland in 1860. A carpenter by trade and served as deputy sheriff of Herkimer county two terms. Politics, a Republican. Died at Poland, May 26, 1877. Reared a family of five daughters and one son, James D., now of Poland. Family genealogy in Part I.

Mary Countryman, oldest daughter of John I. and Elizabeth Hoke Countryman, was born in what is now the town of Stark, Herkimer county, N. Y., July 14, 1794. Wed John Moyer about 1820. Six children were born from this union: John Jr., Betsey, Chauncey Spaulding, Caty Margaret, Nancy and Samantha. Genealogy of these is found in Part I. This couple lived and their children were born on Oak Flats in the town of Danube, Herkimer county. He died there in 1843 when a little later selling the farm to John I. Countryman, Jr., a brother. She with her family moved to a farm west of Starkville, owned by her father when he died in 1843. She, an invalid for many years, died there July 12, 1855, and is buried in Mount Hope cemetery, Ford's Bush, N. Y. She and her husband were members of the Lutheran church at Starkville, and of the Starkville Temperance Society.

Caty Margaret, second daughter of John and Mary Countryman Moyer, was born June 1, 1828, in Danube, Herkimer county, N. Y. She wed James H. Cronkhite, of the same township, Oct. 22, 1846. He was born Feb. 11, 1823, and died April 12, 1904. Issue: Moyer, Sarah E. and Elma, all born in Danube, a short distance west of Ford's Bush. She died Aug. 12, 1908. She and husband are buried in the cemetery at Fort Plain. Both were members of the Minden Lutheran church. She was a member of the Ladies Aid Society and both were members of Minden Grange 503. Family moved to Fort Plain in 1903.

Moyer Cronkhite, in above cut, son of James H. and Caty Margaret Cronkhite and grandson of Mary Countryman Moyer, was born in Danube, Sept. 20, 1848. Wed Hattie Miller, Oct. 19, 1870, Rev. N. VanAlstyne performing the ceremony. Both are members of Minden Lutheran church since 1876. He was trustee of the church for a number of years and town assessor and charter member of Minden Grange 503. Present home, Fort Plain, N. Y.

Elizabeth Countryman Shaul and son, Simon.

Elizabeth Countryman

Elizabeth Countryman, daughter of John I. and Elizabeth Hoke Countryman, was born in what is now the town of Stark, Herkimer county, N. Y., July 12, 1799. She wed John B. Shaul at the age of fifteen, he a first cousin, the son of Sabastian and Magdalena Countryman Shaul. To this union were born fifteen children, nine living to mature years. Further genealogy found in Part I. John B., the father, died in the town of Stark, near Van Hornesville, Nov. 13, 1856, and is buried in the family lot on farm inherited from father, he being the only son. The mother ("Aunt Betsey") came to Ogle county, Illinois, in 1866, her youngest son, Simon, having come in 1861. Soon after the mother came west they settled in Lynnville township. Later her daughter, Almira (Young), lived with her until her death, which occurred March 6, 1893. She is buried on same lot with her brothers, David, Daniel and Moses, in Lynnville cemetery. She was converted quite young and lived a very exemplary Christian life. The last decade or more of her life it was the custom of her relatives, with some of her neighbors, to gather at her home July 12 to celebrate her birthday. These were very joyous occasions to her and all concerned.

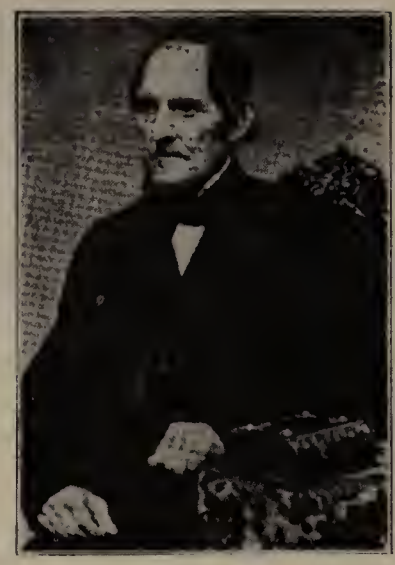
Her son, Simon, who appears with her in the above cut, was her youngest son, born in Stark, N. Y., Jan. 19, 1840. He lived on his father's farm until coming west to Illinois, March 1861. For a few years he lived in Monroe township, Ogle county, and ran a threshing machine and corn sheller until establishing a home with his mother in Lynnville township. He never married and continued farming until after the death of his mother and sister, Almira, when he retired from active farming. He died in Rochelle from an auto accident Aug. 26, 1918. Was a very conscientious Christian man. The above cut was taken when the mother was 89. Is buried on same lot with mother in Lynnville cemetery. The mother and son in church relations were undenominational, yet attended and contributed to the Bethel M. E. church. He was anti secret society and a Repuhlican up to 1884, then until death a Prohibitionist.

John Oliver Shaul.

John Oliver Shaul, whose portrait appears on this page, was born February 21, 1827. He was one of fifteen children of John B. Shaul and wife, who lived on the Shaul homestead (which dates back to about 1770) in the town of Stark, Herkimer county, N. Y. He remained there until 1855, when he married Hannah Springer, born July 11, 1833, who resided in the same neighborhood. They took up their residence on a farm in South Columbia, two miles from Richfield Springs, N. Y., and remained there until about 1867, when they removed to a farm near Starkville. In 1871 he moved to Amsterdam and engaged in the sale of organs, pianos and sewing machines, continuing the business until his death, May 26, 1896. Mr. Shaul was a man of temperate habits and was respected by all who knew him. His widow survived him until Dec. 9, 1897. Four children were born to them: Emma, who married Charles Atwood, of Rockford, Ill.; Phillip Dater, Lewis Fay and Newton J. Shaul. Emma Shaul died May 30, 1913. Phillip Dater is junior member of the Holzheimer & Shaul department store of Amsterdam, N. Y., one of the largest between Albany and Utica. Lewis Fay, dealer in musical instruments. Newton J., dealer in real estate. All live in Amsterdam.

Mr. and Mrs. Anson Mowers.

Delina Shaul w s the great-granddaughter of John, of Conradt, and granddaughter of John I. Countryman, Sr., and the daughter of John B. and Elizabeth Countryman Shaul. She was born Dec. 26, 1836, and died at her home in Jewell county, Kansas, Nov. 20, 1913. She came to Illinois in 1860 and wed Anson Mowers, March 20, 1863, at Rockford. Children: Will and Libbie, both surviving their parents. In 1880 they moved to Kansas, locating on a farm four miles south of Jewell. March 18, 1913, she and her husband celebrated their golden wedding at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Wm. O'Reilly, Concordia, Kan., with all but one of the original wedding party in attendance.



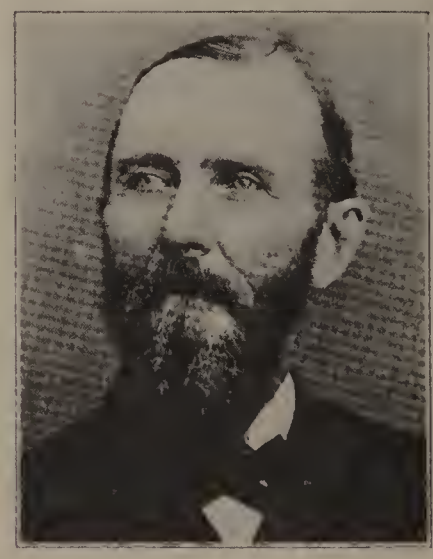
John I. Countryman.

John I. Countryman, grandson of John, of Conradt 1st, and son of John I., Sr. and Elizabeth Hoke Countryman, was born in Minden, Montgomery county, N. Y., now the town of Stark, Herkimer county, Aug. 8, 1801. He married Nancy, the oldest daughter of Capt. John Failing, Nov. 28, 1828. To this union eight sons wee born, all growing to mature years. Genealogy of family in Part I. For further history consult sketches with cuts in Part II. He married at the age of twenty-seven and had a capital of $400. For a few years he operated a clover and saw mill on the Otsquago ereek, a mile east of Starkville. In the 30s he purchased a farm of 100 acres on "Oak Flats" in the town of Danube, where he moved with his wife and his older children. This farm on the west joined the farm of a brother-in-law, John Moyer, who married his oldest sister, Mary. In 1843, Mr. Moyer died, leaving a landed estate of 100 aeres with a new dwelling house, joining Mr. Countryman's land on the east, which he bought and to whieh he moved and reared his growing family. I think it well to mention here that I was the seventh son (John E.) and am now the only surviving one to write this sketeh to insert in Part II. In the fancies of

youth, or he, in his maturer years and mind, could neither thought nor dreamed of such an occurrence.

On this farm I was born and lived with my father twenty-two years, till his death, which occurred May 10, 1866. My father's educational advantages in youth were very meager. He was small in stature yet possessed much native ability. As I knew him, he was frail in body, but of strong religious and moral convictions. Was a bible man of which he had much at his command and from which he read daily to his children in connection with the family devotions. He ruled his family of sons in love and tact, so their obedience and reverence were ever his. He was baptized when a babe in the Geisenburg Lutheran Church. In 1829, he and my mother were communcants in the Lutheran church, Minden, N. Y. In 1831 the Starkville Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized in his father's house, of which he and mother were charter members. But few years lapsed, when they withdrew, believing that denominationalism was unscriptural and not in keeping with the prayer of Jesus that his disciples might be one—and the admonition of Paul warning the early church against divisions. He was ever a supporter of gospel preaching, and his house was ever open as the rendezvous for prayer meetings, which were very frequent and of great spiritual significance.

He was a tetotaler and belonged to the Starkville Temperance Society, which required stamina at that date, (1831), when drinking was so common, even among the clergy. In politics, he was adverse to slavery, so voted with the Liberty and Free Soil parties, until 1856 when the Republican party was organized, as against the extension of slavery. He lived to read Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, in which he greatly rejoiced. By his business acumen and integrity he won a good name, with a comfortable competence as an inheritance to his appreciative family. Father, mother and their oldest son, Levi, have their final resting place in Mt. Hope cemetery, Minden, N. Y.

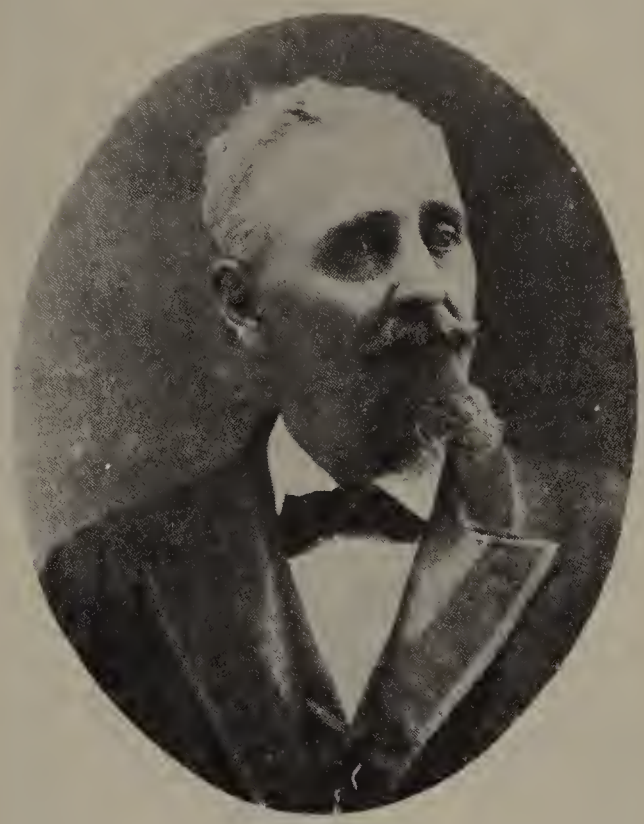


Levi Countryman.

Levi Countryman, the fifth from Conradt 1st, and son of John I. Jr., was born in the town of Stark, Aug. 30, 1829, and died Sept. 24, 1909. Wed Martha Countryman, Oct. 11, 1854. She died at Richfield Springs, April 20, 1914. She too, was the fifth from Conradt 1st, being a daughter of George 3d. They lived all their married life in the towns of Danube and Stark. They farmed in their earlier wedded life, later he butchered stock and marketed the product. Their children were Alvin, Charles and Cora, who died at about ten years of age, and Charles, who died in infancy. Early in their married life both professed Christianity, later were Christian Scientists. Died at Starkville. He and his wife and two younger children are buried in Mt. Hope cemetery, Ford's Bush. Their only son dying without heirs leaves this family without any living posterity. He was a Republican in politics.

Alvin Countryman.

Alvin Countryman, the sixth from Conradt 1st, on both the John and George lines, and the son of Levi and Martha Countryman, was born in the town of Danube, Herkimer county, in the year 1857 or 1858. His first marriage was to Alice Hoke, of the town of Stark; and second marriage to Florence Eaton Cook, at Starkville, in 1905. No issue by either marriage. He was educated in the district schools and early in life learned to manufacture cheese, in which art he proved very efficient in charge of others, as well as in the factory he owned at Kast Bridge, Herkimer county. Since 1911, he lived and conducted a 5 and 10c store at Richfield Springs, N. Y., where he died Mach 10, 1922, and is buried in Herkimer cemetery beside his first wife. In politics he was Republican; in religion a Christian Scientist. In his death the Levi Countryman family is left without any living issue.



Norman Countryman.

Norman Countryman.

Norman Countryman, the great-grandson of John, of Conradt 1st, and the second son (of eight) of John I, Jr., and Nancy Failing Countryman, was born in Stark, Herkimer county, N. Y., March 30, 1831, and died Feb. 24, 1911. When a lad of few years, with his parents he moved to a farm they had bought in Dist. No. 8, in the adjoining town of Danube. Here he acquired a common school education —laboring on home farm and occasionally for neighbors during vacations. On Dec. 21, 1854, he married Elizabeth Wagner, daughter of Felix and Leah (Pickard) Wagner, a resident neighboring girl, which proved to be the first of four Countryman brothers who wed four Wagner sisters. This proved a joyous event, in that they lived happily together for more than fifty-six years, rearing a family of three children to mature years. (See Part I) Mr. Countryman, after marriage, worked for two years with his brother, Harvey, working their father's farm, and then worked at the carpenter's trade until moving with his wife and son, Fayette N., to Ogle county, Illinois, March 14, 1861. His first purchase of land was 80 acres in Dement township, in the immediate neighborhood of his brothers, Harvey and Alvin. Later purchases secured him 320 acres. (See Lynnville map.) He retired from farming and moved to Rochelle, Ill., Mar. 1894. Mr. Countryman embraced Christianity when a lad and grew to manhood in the atmosphere of parental family devotions—a custom which he adopted and adhered to—reverently during life's pilgrimage. His church sentiment was undenominational, yet by his presence and liberal support he shared in maintaining preaching, Sunday School and prayer service in the community in which he resided. Was not a member of any secret fraternal society. In politics, a Republican from the organization of the party in 1856 to 1884, when he became a Party Prohibitionist, and for life gave much time, effort and means for the promotion of its principles. Served his township ten terms as road commissioner and the same as school trustee. He and his wife are interred in the family lot at Lawnridge cemetery, Rochelle, Ill.

Harvey Countryman.

Harvey Countryman.

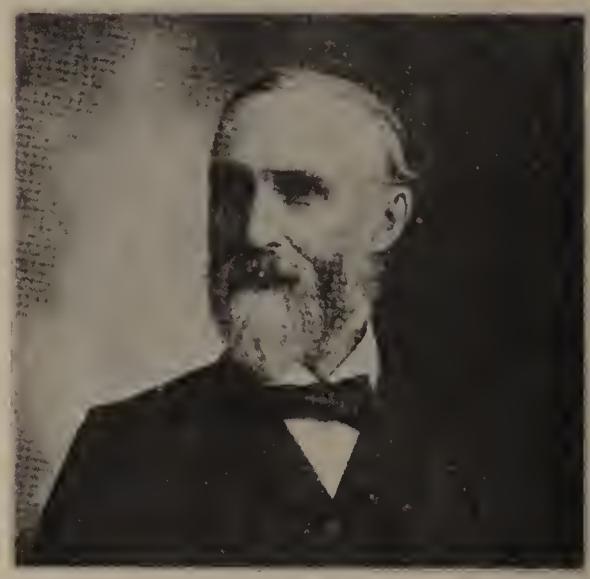
Harvey Countryman, the great-grandson of John, of Conradt 1st, and son of John, Jr. and Nancy Failing Countryman, was born in Herkimer county, N. Y., Feb. 7, 1833, and died May 16, 1914. His burial was made in the family lot in Lawnridge cemetery, Rochelle, Ill. His boyhood was spent in New York state and there he received his education. He came to Illinois in the spring of 1857 and in company with his brother, Alvin, purchased a half section—Section 34, Lynnville township—of prairie land from their father. The two brothers broke the land with six pairs of oxen, living in a small cabin and testing out their own culinary art with some sport and much dissatisfaction. Of the original purchase of 320 acres, each of the brothers took 160 acres. This acreage, with additions, they held until their death.

On Feb. 13, 1861, Mr. Countryman was married to Miss Laura Wagner, of New York, with whom he lived most happily for fifty-three years, her death occurring one month to the day before his demise. To them were born four children: William, who died when nine months old; Ida May (Mrs. Fred W. Craft); Mary Leah, who lived but three months, and Grace Maud (Mrs. Arthur A. Phelps.)

Mr. Countryman accepted Christ as his personal saviour at a service held in his father's New York home. This was but a few days previous to Mr. and Mrs. Countryman's departure for Illinois, where they soon founded a happy, Christian home. Mr. Countryman was three times lost on the Illinois prairies, twice when alone and once in company with his wife. After the shades of night had fallen the traveler in those days had only the far away lights of some very distant home for his guide, and if those were snuffed out, he was at the mercy of the animal driven or ridden, or of walking to his own personal instinct to lead him to safety.

Mr. Countryman had large interests in land and city properties but while of an active and energetic turn of mind, he was never too busy to listen to the plea for help and responded with a generous hand. He and his family moved from their farm home to Rochelle in the autumn of 1880. He had served Lynnville township as commissioner, assessor and school director. He was an active Christian in church and Sunday School, serving for many years as trustee of the Rochelle Presbyterian church, always in Sunday School, serving in whatever capacity he was most needed. He was president of the Lynnville American Bible Society, for which he worked most zealously, and of which he was a life member. He was a liberal supporter of church and Sunday School work and of any organization that had for its object the uplift of humanity. His first vote was cast for John C. Freemont, but in later years he was an earnest Prohibitionist. He was a great lover of his home, and of the Countryman family at large and looked forward with much interest to the printing of the Counrryman Genealogy book, for which he was always collecting data.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Countryman were of a genial, happy disposition, and gave as well as received, much of this world's sunshine.



Alvin Countryman.

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Alvin Countryman, the great-grandson of John, of Conradt 1st, and son of John I., Jr. and Nancy Failing Countryman, was born in Herkimer county, N. Y., Feb. 4, 1835, and died Jan. 13, 1916. His interment was made in the family lot at Lawnridge cemetery, Rochelle, Ill. His common school education was acquired in District No. 8, Danube, Herkimer county, N. Y., and later supplemented by an academic course of three years. He taught school one winter term in District No. 2 of his native town before his coming to Illinois the following summer, in 1855. The winter of 1855-56 he taught in Lynnville township. In the spring of 1857, he, with his brother, Harvey, bought of their father, John I. Countryman, the east half of Section 34, Lynnville township, at $15 per acre—this was virgin prairie. Here he labored industriously with his brother until Feb. 11, 1863, when one of the most happy, if not happiest and most important events of his life took place, in his marriage to Miss Jennie E. Wagner, of his native town in New York. Their hearthstone was brightened by the birth of four children: Minnie L., Emma V., Mertie E. and Merton A., and sorely saddened by the deaths of Mertie at the age of two years and Minnie L., wife of A. W. Guest, May 29, 1889.

Mr. Countryman was converted to Christianity in his mature years at a prayer meeting in his brother, Norman's, house and ever counted it an epoch in his life ,and was ever an aggressive Christian—living his religion and giving freely of his time, strength and means to the fostering of Christianity. While living on the farm in Lynnville township he and his brothers and families maintained preaching and Sunday School services in the schoolhouse on his farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Countryman retired from the farm and moved to Rochelle in November, 1889, having by their wise management, industry and frugality accummulated as their possession many fertile acres. (See map of Lynnville.)

Mr. Countryman was not ostentatious from prosperity, but rather felt added responsibility of stewardship. In his belief and church relations, was undenominational, yet ever active for Christ's church and kingdom. His activities in church work is shown by his record of twenty-two years as teacher of the adult bible class in the Presbyterian Sunday School, and a considerable of the time acted in like capacity in the Methodist Sunday School, teaching two classes in one Sunday. He was and his wife still is a life member of the American Sunday School Union. He served as supervisor of Lynnville townsrip for three years. assessor one year and justice of the peace for five terms. He never joined any secret fraternal society. His first ballot was cast for John C. Fremont, the first Republican candidate for president, in 1856—late years was a Prohibitionist. The inception of a Countryman Genealogy book and the gathering of data for Part I is a credit he richly deserves.

Nathan Countryman.

Nathan Countryman, the fifth from Conradt 1st in the John line, and son of John I. Jr. and Nancy Failing Countryman, was born in the town of Danube, Herkimer county, N. Y., Nov. 8, 1837. Wed Mary Reasoner, Dec. 2, 1859, who also was fifth from Conradt 1st, in the George line. Issue: Jacob I., born in New York before the parents moved to Illinois in the spring of 1866. In 1867 they purchased 80 acres of land in Lynnville township, Sec. 29. Here Lillian M. was born Dec. 2, 1867, and Anna Louise, Oct. 19, 1872. The father died Jan. 12, 1879, and is buried in Lynnville cemetery. In 1881 the farm was sold to his brother, John E., and in the spring of 1885 the family moved to St. Lawrence, S. Dak. Here Lillie M. wed Clarence Slafter, later moving to Normal, Neb., she dying at Hot Springs Sanitorium, S. Dak., July 5, 1910. Jacob I. wed Emma Ida Kendall, of Kings, Ill., Jan. 14, 1886. Second marriage to Bertha A. White, of Hammond, Ia., March 19, 1902, now living at Ontario, Calif. Anna L. wed Chas. F. Collins, in Nebraska, Dec. 25, 1892, now living at Spokane, Wash. The mother died at Normal, Neb., Jan. 21, 1912, and is buried at Lincoln. Genealogy of family in Part I.

William Countryman.

William Countryman, sixth from John, of Conradt 1st, and sixth son of John I. Jr. and Nancy Failing Countryman, was born in the town of Danube, Herkimer county, N. Y., March 31, 1840, and died at Starkville, Herkimer county, Dec. 18, 1907. Wed Hannah Moyer, a neighbor girl, Jan. 1, 1862. She was born Oct. 4, 1842. To them were born four children: Daniel, now of the town of Stark, who wed Nora Smith; Ella, who wed Burton P. Smith, of Starkville and had two sons, Eugene B., who wed Merle Bowman and lives at Starkville, and Ray E., who wed Florence Pearl Spoor, and lives at Fort Plain, N. Y. Emery D., second son of William and Hannah Countryman, wed Rebecca Schmucker, and has a daughter, Elizabeth, and a son, Isaac Byron. The family lives at Dixon, Ill. Mary, the youngest daughter, is a school teacher, has a state certificate, and is living near Cramers Corners, address Fort Plain, N. Y. William Countryman farmed his own farm of 206 acres and retired in his advanced years to Starkville, a close by village. In politics he was a Republican. He and his wife are buried at Fort Plain cemetery. (Family genealogy in Part I.)

John E. Countryman

John E. Countryman.

John Ervin Countryman, the fourth John in line from John, of Conradt 1st, son of John I. Jr. and Nancy Failing Countryman, was born in the town of Danube, Herkimer county, N. Y., Dec. 14, 1844.

His common school education was acquired in Dist. No. 8, Danube; supplemented by attending a few terms at Fairfield and Fort Plain seminaries. He taught four successive terms in his native town —of which three were in his home district.

He wed Rose L. Wagner, youngest daughter of Felix and Leah Pickard Wagner, a resident of Danube, Jan. 11, 1865. On Aug. 6, 1867, they, with their first born daughter, Viola, migrated to Ogle county, Illinois, where brothers and sisters had preceded them. In the spring of 1869 they commenced farming a 240 acre farm he had bought in Lynnville township. Here three children were born: Elmer J., Alice M. and Mabel R. (Genealogy in Part I.) In 1884 he purchased an additional 80 acres that joined him on the west (See Lynnville map) to which they moved their family in February, 1886. Here they lived some thirty years, educated their four children and witnessed the marriage of their three daughters, when the wife and mother died Dec. 16, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Countryman made frequent trips to their native state, extending the trips to Boston, New York City and Washington. In 1911-12 they made an extensive trip of nine months through the northwest and along the Pacific coast, south to Mexico. As a farmer and citizen of Lynnville township for more than fifty years he was interested in enterprizes that conduced to the public good. All these years he was a school director or township trustee of schools; and further served officially as town clerk, road commissioner and assessor. His early politics was Republican and Independent up to 1884, when he became a Party Prohibitionist. Up to this time there was no local Prohibition organization. In 1886, he with three others made the call for the first Prohibition convention in Ogle county. From that date to the times when the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Amendments were written in the federal constitution he was an ardent and untiring advocate of prohibition and woman suffrage. He spent years of service in township and county chairmanships and much time as delegate to county, district, state and national conventions. He represented the party as state committeeman from the Thirteenth Congressional District and in one national campaign as presidential elector.

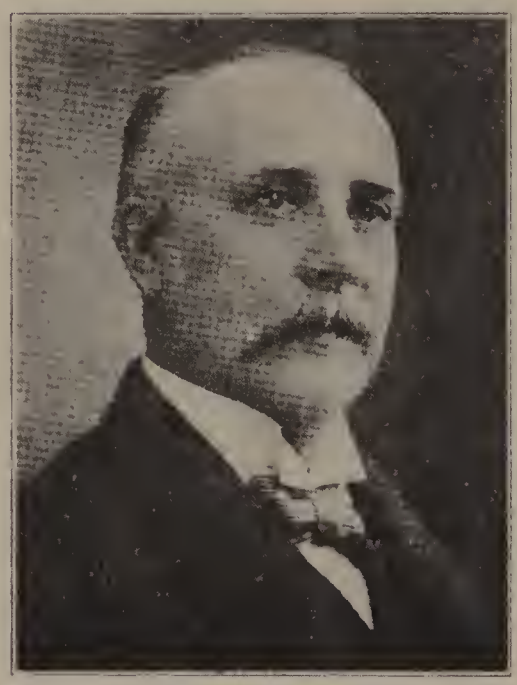
Unsolicited, his party frequently nominated him as their candidate for responsible positions. In one campaign for minority representative in the 10th Senatorial District he was defeated by a bare majority of 25½ votes. Many believe he was elected, as other Prohibitionists with larger adverse majorities, on recount, were seated. The present key of his politics is: Good government and law enforcement. Contemperary with his pohibition activities he was vigilant for the reform and safety of the individual by his signing and presenting

pledge cards to total abstinence—further not to accept or offer treats of alcoholic beverages or tobacco. His religious life first gave expression in youth when he publicly professed a desire to live a Christian life. This desire enhanced and grew with years in the atmosphere of a Christian home, where at the family altar lives were rededicated daily to Christian living. At marriage, and establishing a home, family worship was as regular as day succeeded day. As a Christian he feels he belongs to the church Jesus founded—the only church mentioned by him or his apostles, and for which he prayed (John 17) that it might be kept in His name and be one, as He and the Father were one. This, too, he feels is the ideal fraternal society—humanity its "pasword", love its "grip", and when ability and occasion met on the "Jericho Road"—Christian—the "Good Samaritan," irrespective of race, creed, sex or sect. His vocation, a farmer by choice and habit—loving the touch of nature and its close environments, believing that all labor is sacred that conduces to the physical, mental, moral and religious needs of humanity. Other than planted fields of corn and golden grains have lured him to purpose and effort through home, church, schools, state and their auxiliaries, to leave favorable impress upon society. Church, Sunday School and varied interests bear record of personal and official activities for more than a half century.

His aesthetic characteristics when farming were manifest in a well kept farm, and domicile environments of fruit orchards, vegetable and flower gardens. His rythmic trait oft gave expression in miscellaneous verse—as well as commemorating special social and kinship events.

Four events he cherishes as epochal in his life's span of 80 years, viz: 1st., his youthful decision to live a Christian life—with its resultant vision for growth and service. 2nd, the unique marriage of the girl—his first love—being the fourth Countryman brother to wed Wagner sisters, and that all enjoyed the felictious delight of nearby homes and kindred fellowship for more than half a century. 3d, in his early visions of the west with its alluring possibilities and the courage to break from his youthful, native environments. 4th, his second marriage in Cleveland, Ohio, April 17, 1919, to Mrs. Mary Catherine Wagoner (nee Wagner), a niece of his first wife, born March 1, 1849 (reared in same household), which is proving a companionable and joyous pathway in their declining years.

(The wisdom of its inception and publishing of Part II (supplementary to Part I) of "Countryman Genealogy," he would leave to the impartial judgment of its readers.)



Isaac Byron Countryman.

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Isaac Byron Countryman, the youngest of eight sons of John I. and Nancy Failing Countryman and the fifth from Conradt 1st, was born in the town of Danube, Herkimer county, N. Y., Nov. 2, 1846. Here in Dist. No. 8, he acquired a common school education, later supplemented by attending Fort Plain and Fairfield seminaries, also a business course at Utica Commercial College. In August, 1866, he sought the opportunities of the middle west, making his way to Rochelle, Illinois, where he engaged in clerking in a general store. In 1868 he went to Dixon, Ill., where he continued clerking until 1871, when he became a partner in the firm of W. G. Stevens & Co., and eventually became the owner of the entire business. He was thus closely identified with mercantile interests in Dixon from 1868 until 1910, or for a period of forty-two years. At this time the store was incorporated and he admitted his nephew, E. J. Countryman, into partnership. Whatever he undertook throughout his entire career, he carried forward to successful completion, brooking no obstacles that could be overcome by persistent, earnest and untiring effort.

In 1902, Mr. Countryman with others, organized the Union State Bank, of which he was chosen president, and under his direction became a strong financial concern. In later years he had large holdings of land in southern Minnesota and Lee county, Ill., also a subdivision of sixty acres, now a part of the town of Oelwein, Iowa. His investments were most judiciously made and his business sagacity proven in that he disposed of these lands at very remunerative figures. Mr. Countryman might have justly been termed a scientific farmer, as he purchased a much depleted farm near Dixon and brought it back to be one of the most productive in that vicinity. On this farm he established a pure bred Holstein herd, from which he was awarded many prizes.

In 1898 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Elizabeth Becker, a native of Schoharie county, N. Y. No issue. They were members of the Peoples Church of Dixon. Late years he was much exercised religously and became an ardent bible student. Fratenally he was a Knight Templar Mason and belonged to the Elks and Moose lodges at Dixon. Prior to his decease, Aug. 25, 1923, he had converted most of his holdings into government and other gilt edge securities, still retaining the I. B. Countryman block with three resident buildings. Having no direct issue, see will as to disposiiton of estate. For his charities and benefactions to the worthy poor and unfortunate while living—many might rise up and pronounce him "blessed."

Quoting from Lee county records: All through the years of his residence in Dixon his labors have been of a character that contributes to general prosperity as well as to individual success. He never allowed personal interests or ambition to dwarf his public spirit or activities. His views have found expression in prompt action, therefore have been fruitful of good results.

Norman Countryman wed Elizabeth Wagner, Dec. 21, 1854

Alvin Countryman wed Jennie E. Wagner, Feb. 11, 1863

Harvey Countryman wed Laura Wagner, Feb. 13, 1861

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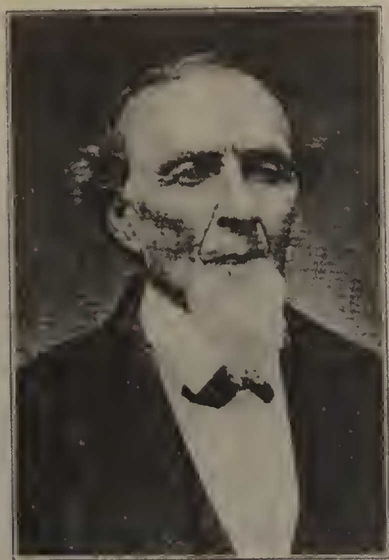


David Countryman.

David Countryman, grandson of John, of Conradt 1st, and son of John I. and Elizabeth Hoke Countryman, was born in what is now the town of Stark, Herkimer county, N. Y., Oct. 4, 1803, and wed Anna Maria Ostrander, March 15, 1825. She was born March 27, 1808. To this union were born twelve children, all in the town of Stark. (Complete genealogy found in Part I.) Early in his married life he worked his father's farm near Starkville, later by trade a painter. Was a member and trustee of Starkville Lutheran Church, also member of the Starkville Temperance Society. In 1866 he came to Illinois to visit his many relatives and remained, laboring some at his trade and gardening until his death, which occurred Oct. 19, 1881. Is buried with many relatives in Lynnville cemetery.

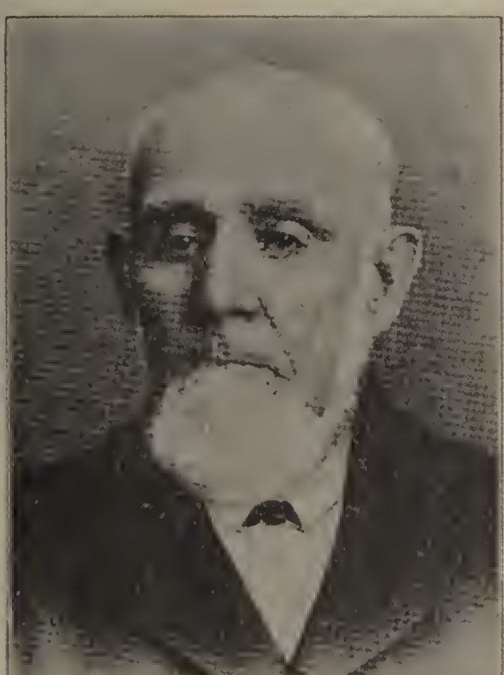
Frances Amelia Countryman

Frances Amelia Countryman, daughter of David and Maria Countryman, was born in 1845 in the town of Stark, Herkimer county, New York, and received a district school education. She was married at Little Falls, N. Y., to Adriel E. Clarke, of Schenevus, Otsego county, N. Y., in 1865. Children born of this union were: Frank W., George H., Florence M., Carolyn L., Grace Alice and Charles A. She is a member of the Christian Science church and in politics Independent. Her home was made in Utica, N. Y.

Charles E. Countryman, son of David and Maria Countryman, was born in Stark, Herkimer county, N. Y., March 3, 1852, and was the youngest of twelve children. He was educated in the common schools. Went to Illinois in 1882 as bookkeeper for Oliver Drake, of Creston. As a Democrat, was appointed postmaster of Creston, holding this position from 1885 to 1889. He was united in marriage to Eliza J. Phelps, at Creston, Ill., on Thanksgiving day, 1885. They moved to Elgin, Ill., in 1896, where he became editor and publisher of the Elgin Democrat, a weekly publication. He passed a Civil Service examination for the postal service in 1900 and was employed in the Chicago postoffice for 22 years, serving first as a utility clerk and later attached to the Inquiry Division. His Chicago home was in the

Charles E. Countryman and Frances Amelia Countryman.

Lake View section, and on his request he was transferred to the Lake View station in walking distance of his home. He served at Lake View as a mail distributor and was noted for his accuracy, his record never dropping below 99 per cent. He was retained in the service after the passage of the Retirement Act and resigned from the service in 1922, and he and his faithful wife are now enjoying a home in St. Petersberg, Florida. Their postoffice address is 449 11th Ave. North. Charles E. is affiliated with Creston Lodge No. 320 A. F. & A. M., and is a Master Mason. He and his wife are members of the Broadway M. E. church of Chicago.



Peter Countryman.

Peter Countryman, grandson of John, of Conradt 1st, and [illegible] of John I. and Elizabeth Hoke Countryman, was born in what is now the town of Stark, Herkimer county, N. Y., June 2, 1808, and died in the town of Herkimer, April 7, 1892. He [illegible] Hannah Ellison, Jan. 22, 1824. To this union were born ten children, all in the town of Herkimer. (Genealogy of family in Part I.) At the age of sixteen his father attempted to apprentice him for four years to a John W. Cook, of Canajoharie, a tanner, [illegible] were made to that end, but Peter being in love with a Miss Hannah Ellison, a tanner's daughter, thought differently—so married the daughter and learned the trade of her father, which he followed [illegible] until the close of life. He was of anti-slavery sentiment, so affiliated with the Republican party, and in its first campaign in 1856 was elected sheriff of Herkimer county. He was an ardent Republican during the Civil War and the reconstruction period. Early in the organization of the Prohibition party he ardently championed that cause as long as he lived. Religiously he was Unitarian and Universalist. He died suddenly at his home on date mentioned and is interred in Herkimer cemetery. His second marriage was to Eliza Ellison, a sister of his first wife. In

temperment, affable; this insured him many friends. The last surviving daughter and child: Mrs. Julia E. Bradt, died at St. Charles, Mich., April 15, 1924. Her body was cremated, by request.

John Henry Countryman.

John Henry Countryman, the fifth generation from Conradt 1st, and son of Peter and Hannah Ellison Countryman, was born in Herkimer township, Aug. 25, 1855. He wed Elvira Gorton, born Jan. 31, 1832, and died Feb. 2, 1868. Issue from this marriage were five daughters. His second marriage was to Eliza Berner, March 18, 1869. Issue from this union were five daughters and two sons. (Complete genealogy of family in Part I.) His education was secured in the district school, supplemented at Fairfield Seminary, Herkimer county. He was a tanner by trade. Was twice Master of Newport Lodge No. 455, A. F. & A. M., 1873-1874. He was a Democrat in politics and served as postmaster during both terms of Cleveland's administration. In religion, a Universalist. He died at his home in Poland, Aug. 13, 1819 and is buried in Pine Grove cemetery at Poland. His second wife, Eliza Benner Countryman, died in 1924 and is buried in the same cemetery.

Nancy Countryman.

Nancy Countryman, grand-daughter of John ,of Conrad, and daughter of John I. and Elizabeth Hoke Countryman, was born in what is now the town of Stark, Herkimer county, N. Y., July, 1809, and died in DeKalb county, Illinois, Oct. 21, 1872. She wed David Patten in 1832. He was born in Stark, Aug. 9, 1810. Eight children were born to this union, all in the town of Stark. Came to Illinois in 1850 via lakes. She and her husband were members of the Starkville Lutheran Church, organized in her father's house, and were also members of the Starkville Temperance Society. Records of the church at Starkville show the baptism of her daughter, Matilda, and son, Oscar. Their home was rededicated to Christ daily at the family altar. She and her husband were anti slavery in sentiment and Republican in politics. He died Nov. 14, 1859. Both he and his wife are buried in Fairdale cemetery. The farm on which they lived until his death was purchased from the U. S. government. Genealogy of family in Part I.

Matilda Miller.

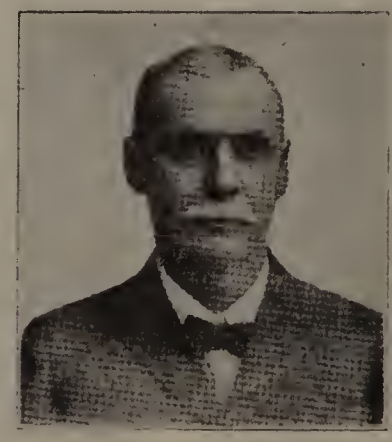
Matilda, the oldest child of David and Nancy Countryman Patten, was born in Herkimer county, N. Y., July 9, 1833, and came to Illinois with her parents in 1850. Was married to Henry Miller, a neighboring farmer, in 1856, and spent all of her long and useful life within a few miles of the farm which her father bought from the government. She died April 12, 1919, leaving three children: Mrs. Julia Hyser, of Esmond, Ill.; Holt D. Miller, of Pomona, Calif., and Mrs. May Davis, of Sycamore, Ill., also numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Was a noble Christian lady and a member of the W. C. T. U. and the Fairdale M. E. church.

John H. Patten.

Born in Herkimer county, N. Y., April 4, 1839. Died at Fairdale, Ill., Nov. 4, 1923. Aged 84 years, 7 months. Came with his parents from New York to DeKalb county in 1850, who purchased land of the government, on which they lived until the death of his father in 1859, at which time he became in possession of same by will, and continued to hold same until his death. Removed to Dakota for several years, during which time he farmed and operated an elevator. Was a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1885. Was elected to the territorial House of Representatives in 1887, also to the Council in 1889, which met at Bismark. Was married to Martha H. Kendrick, April 20, 1861, who passed away Sept. 9, 1901. Also married to Lulu B. Jaquish in 1905, leaving no children by either marriage. Was a man of strong moral conviction. A faithful, active Christian during his long life, and leaves a host of true friends who will miss his ever friendly greetings.

Carrie Patten Talbot.

Carrie Patten Talbot, the fifth of eight children born to David D. and Nancy Countryman Patten. She was born in Herkimer county, New York, Aug. 31, 1842, and moved with the family to the then far West by the lake route when she was seven years old, arriving in the small town of Chicago in the spring of 1850. As there were no railroads then west of Chicago, covered wagons drawn by horses took the family and goods to a settlement about eighty miles west, where a farm was purchased from the government. She was very studious and under a brother teacher's instruction was able to teach her first school before her seventeenth birthday. Her father died that autumn and in the winter she attended high school at Belvidere, Ill. She taught in summer and attended school during the fall and wirter. Feb. 18, 1864 she married Lieut. D. H. Talbot, Q. M., 34th Reg. Ill. Vol., who was home on furlough. He served in the Civil War nearly five years and returned home, discharged in the fall of 1865. They moved to his farm in 1866, where they lived 37 years—says the best crop was four boys and one daughter. When her husband's health failed they rented the old home farm and built a commodious house in Lindenwood, where he died in 1908. She was much interested in the church and its varied activities. Her oldest son, O. D. Talbot, served in the Spanish-American War. Her grandson, Clarence Talbot, was in the U. S. aviation service during the World War and is now (1925) in the U. S. service at Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands.



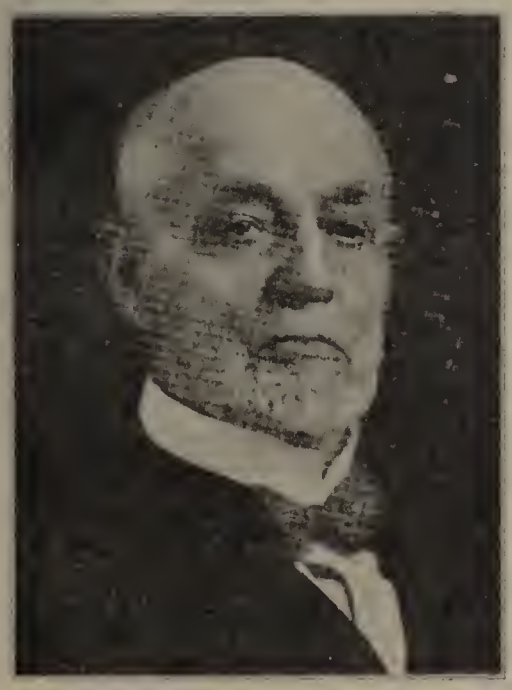
Byron Alanson Patten.

Son of David and Nancy Countryman Patten, was born in the town of Stark, Herkimer county, N. Y., Dec. 20, 1846. Came to Illinois with his parents in 1850, locating in DeKalb county, on what is still known as the Patten farm, north of Esmond. Mr. Patten was a resident of DeKalb county many years. He served through the Civil War in the 105th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, largely a DeKalb county organization, and during which service he was twice wounded in battle. In 1870 he married Nora Schoonmaker, of Fairdale, and went West with the pioneers into Kansas, where he located on land he purchased from the Pottawatomie Indians. He remained in Kansas until 1904; brought up his family there, then returned to Illinois, living for a short time in Sycamore and later in DeKalb, where he looked after the factory interests of the Hero Furnace Co., of which firm he was for many years vice president and a director. During his residence in Sycamore in 1905 he suffered the loss of his wife, who had been many years an invalid. In 1914, on account of failing health, he went to Florida, purchased land there and in spite of his advanced years planted and reared one of the finest young groves of citrus fruit to be found in that state. He leaves four children: Mrs. F. W. Ames, of Kissimmee, Fla.; John V. Patten, of Sycamore, Ill.; Ernest B. Patten, of Carthage, S. D., and Mrs. W. G. Conner, of DeKalb. He is also survived by one brother, M. D. Patten, of Sandwich, Ill., and by one sister, Mrs. Henry Talbot, of Lindenwood, Ill. He was a stauneh Republican all his life and during his years of residence in Kansas came to be very high in the councils of the Republican party. He was not a member of any church but was a member of the Masonic fraternity and was at one time Master of the Sycamore lodge. He died at Kissimee, Fla., Oct. 22, 1922.

Daniel Countryman.

Daniel Countryman.

Daniel Countryman, the grandson of John, of Conradt 1st, and the son of John I. and Elizabeth Hoke Countryman, was born in what was Minden, Montgomery county, N. Y., but now the town of Stark, March 31, 1815. He wed Sally Phillips, Feb. 14, 1838. He lived on his father's farm of 164 acres near and west of the village of Starkville, until the death of his father in 1843, when he and his youngest brother, Moses, inherited the farm, as noted elsewhere in will of John I. Countryman, Sr. In 1847 they sold the farm to their widowed sister and her son, John Moyer, Jr. He then moved to Oak Flats in the town of Danube and lived in the tenant house of his brother, John I., Jr., following the drover's business until June, 1855, when he with his wife, three sons and one daughter migrated to Lynnville township, Ogle county, Illinois. Here, a few weeks before he had bought a farm of 240 acres with the prospective crops—a small one story house and a pole barn covered with prairie hay . He was a man of poor health and frail constitution but of indomitable purpose to succeed, which he did with the aid of his frugal, industrious wife and sons: J. Alonzo and Calvin. To the original farm he added several hundred acres, besides building himself a substantial, fine brick residence and a well constructed barn prior to his death, which occurred March 14, 1883. He was one of the first dairy farmers of Ogle county, manufacturing cheese from the milk of thirty to forty cows. "Uncle Daniel and Aunt Sally" proved themselves very genial host and hostess in their small cabin, with doors ever open to many relatives and friends who came from the East to visit or locate in the West. A man of strong religious convticions, and belonged to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Starkville, N. Y., of which he was deacon for several successive terms of three years each. He was the prime mover in organizing and building the Union Church at Lindenwood, Ill., in 1867. He advocated strongly Christian and church unity. Was strongly opposed to secret organizations. He and his wife, with many friends and relatives, are interred in the cemetery at Lindenwood, Ill.



James Alonzo Countryman.

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James Alonzo Countryman, son of Daniel and Sally (Phillips) Countryman, was born in Starkville, Herkimer county, N. Y., May 24th, 1840. He was the oldest of six children and accompanied his parents to Illinois when fifteen years of age, the family settling on a farm in Lynnville township, Ogle county, Illinois. Here he received a common school education, supplemented by a course at Mt. Morris College. On February 26, 1873, he was united in marriage to Carrie Klinkhart, of Canajoharie, New York, the wedding occurring at Mohawk, N. Y., and they began their wedded life on what is known as the Countryman Stock Farm. Four children were born to them: Floyd M., F. Belle, Ralph Alonzo and Jay A.

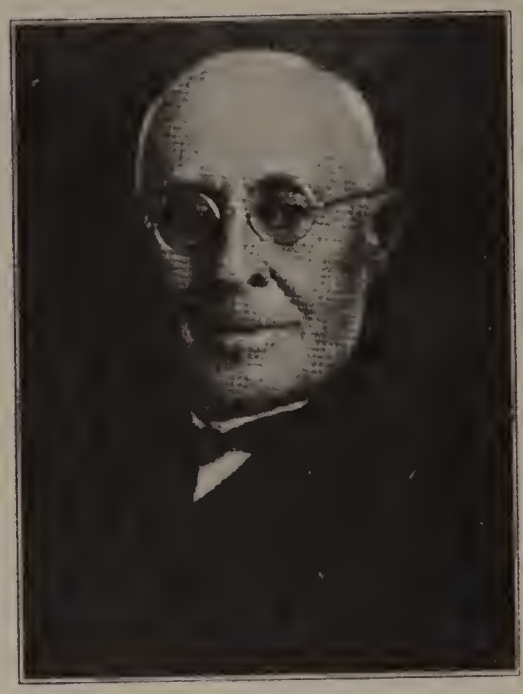
Mr. Countryman was one of the first men in northern Illinois to adopt modern methods of farming, especially in the matter of raising blooded stock. The Countryman herds of Shorthorn cattle and Poland China swine enjoyed an international reputation. Cattle and hogs from his farm won many ribbons at county, state and international shows and fairs. J. A. Countryman was known far and wide as an expert judge of hogs and cattle and he frequently officiated in that capacity at many state fairs. He was one of the stock judges at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893.

Politically, he was a Republican, but he was never offensive in his partisanship. For many years he served as supervisor and he represented the Tenth Senatorial District of Illinois as a member of the General Assembly for two terms. He possessed the rare characteristic of never speaking disrespectfully of those who opposed him.

In 1900 Mr. and Mrs. Countryman retired from active farm life, removing to Rochelle, Ill., where they were privileged to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on February 26, 1923, and here he passed away on December 13th, 1923.

"Lon", as he was familiarly called by his associates, had the rare faculty of making life-long friends of all with whom he came in contact, and those who differed with him on any question invariably respected him most, because of his sincerity and sterling honesty. The virtues which he cultivated in his heart grew into kindly deeds for all. He "loved folks" and radiated alike to young and old his cheer and sunshine. Although in his 84th year, he retained his spirit of youth until the last. His keen insight into community and public affairs served to make his advice and opinions carry more than ordinary weight. Much of the time of his later years was spent in the cultivation of flowers and it may truthfully be said, both figuratively and literally, that he scattered many flowers along the pathway of others and helped his friends without acclaim or ostentation.

His achievements and the heritage he has left are a contribution to society which stand out as examples that all might with profit to themselves and to society try to emulate.



Calvin Countryman.

Calvin Countryman.

Calvin Countryman, the great-grandson of John, of Conradt 1st, the grandson of John I. Countryman, Sr., and the youngest son of Daniel and Sally Phillips Countryman, was born in the town of Stark, Herkimer county, N. Y.. March 11, 1844. At the age of three years he went with his parents to what is known as Oak Flats in the town of Danube, Herkimer county, N. Y. Here he lived as a lad, attending school in what is noted on map of Danube as Dist. No. 8. At the age of eleven years, in 1855, he went with his parents to Lynnville township, Ogle county, Illinois. Here he grew to manhood and proved to his parents a very dutiful and efficient son. In 1868 he married Abby A. Slafter, and commenced farming on the 400 acres adjoining his father's farm. (See map of Lynnville.) Here their six children were born, two died in infancy. In 1886 his wife died. In 1887 he moved his family to Rockford, Ill., where his four children married and now reside. His second marriage, to Anna R. Slafter, occurred April 24, 1895. Since then their home has been in Rockford, but they spend most of their winters at St. Petersburg, Fla. As a farmer he was progressive and successful. Since living in the city his varied successes in investments have proven him a man of business acumen. He embraced Christianity early in life and when living in Ogle county was a member and a generous supporter of the Union Church at Lindenwood. Since living in Rockford he is an attendant and supporter of the Court St. M. E. Church. A man of affable trait, generous heart and a responsive hand to the call of the unfortunate and any cause he deems worthy of support. His erly politics were Republican, later might be termed Independent. An American citizen worthy the name.

Moses Countryman.

Moses Countryman.

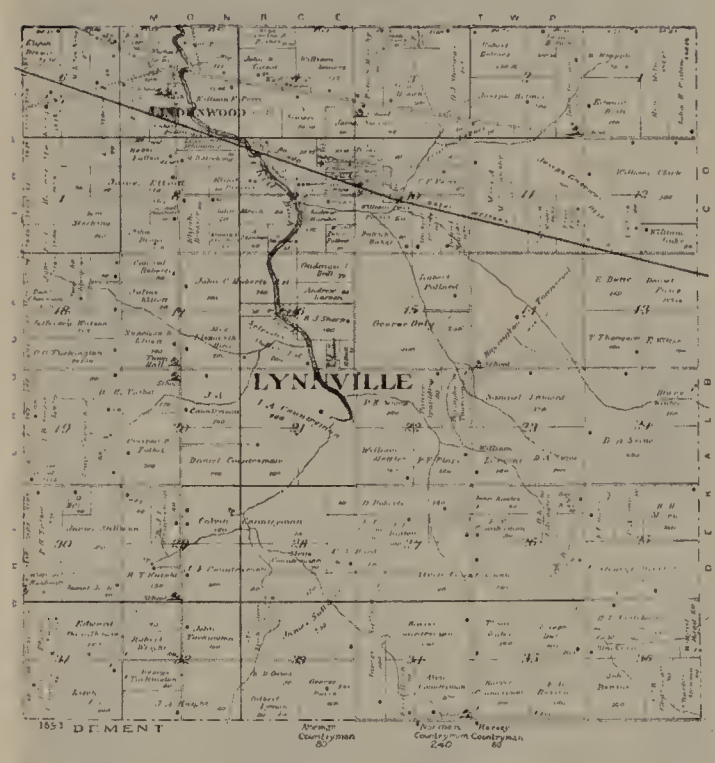
Moses Countryman, grandson of John, of Conradt 1st, and youngest son of John I. Countryman, Sr., was born in what is now the town of Stark, Herkimer county, N. Y.. July 25, 1817. His first marriage was to Biansa Sanders, of Danube, Herkimer county, N. Y. To them were born two sons, Julius and Jadua. The first died in childhood, the latter enlisted in the U. S. Civil War service in the 115th N. Y. State Vol., and served until 1865. when he was killed by the explosion of Fort Fisher, North Carolina, when about to be discharged. His second marriage was to Mary Elizabeth Cooper, of Cold Brook, Herkimer county, N. Y. One son, Charles, was born to this union, in 1853, and he died in 1862. Mr. Countryman was a tanner by trade and supervised successfully tanneries in Poland, Herkimer county; St. Johnsville, Montgomery county, and in Ulster county, N. Y. He never followed farming, but on visiting his sister, Nancy (Patten) and brother, Daniel, in Illinois, he purchased different parcels of land which he sold at substantial profits. Mr. and Mrs. Countryman, unfortunately, were bereft of all their children, and so for comfort and companionship sought some young person whom they could love and cherish as their own. which they found in a Miss Carrie Klinkhart, who most acceptably served this purpose until her marriage, Feb. 26, 1873, to James Alonzo Countryman, of Lynnville, Ogle county. The subject of this sketch and his wife came to Illinois in May, 1874, to live with this cherished couple during their remaining years. These were years of mutual regard. to the time of her demise, Feb. 14, 1883, and his, June 19, 1884. Both are interred in Lynnville cemetery. Mr. Countryman was a man of unquestioned honor and integrity; of Unitarian and Universaltist faith religiously; anti-slavery in sentiment, so an ardent Republican; of jocular and jovial proclivities, with trend of cordial hospitality, which insured him many friends.

Lynnville Township

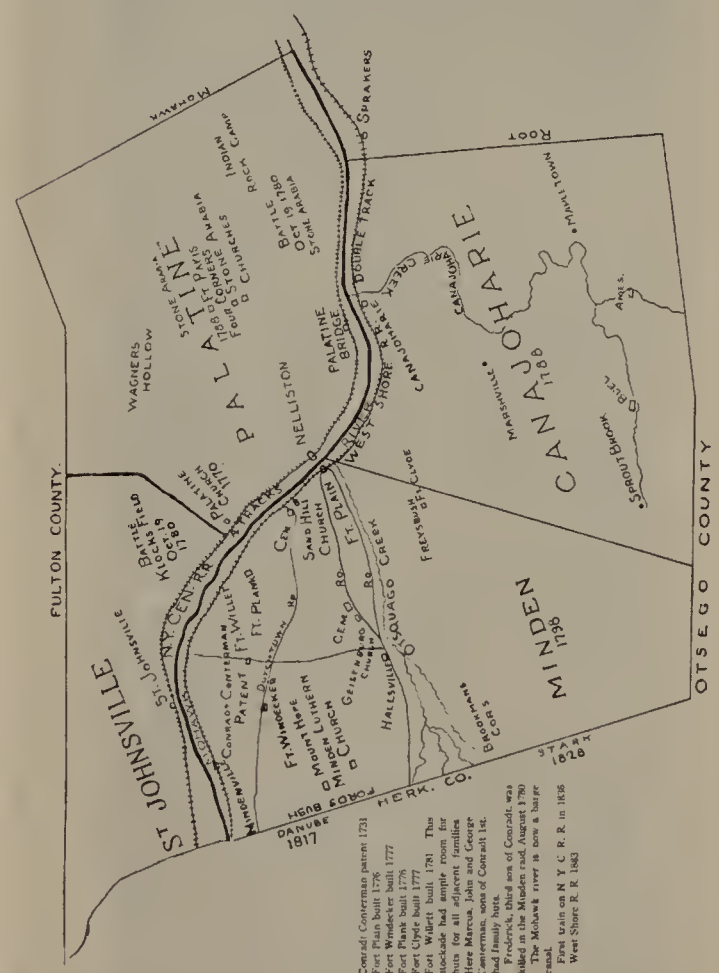
Lynnville Township is located in the center of the eastern tier of townships in Ogle county, Illinois. The township was organized in 1850. Up to this time, Lynnville and Monroe were included in one voting precinct. In June, 1855, Daniel Countryman, wife and four children, moved from Herkimer county, N. Y., having purchased the west 240 acres of land designated on map. To this, during his life time, he accumulated 640 acres, which he disposed of to his two sons, James Alonzo and Calvin, leaving him at his death the original 240 acres, plus 80 acres. At the time of his death in 1883, he and his sons were in possession of 1360 acres. Mr. Countryman was of frail constitution and poor health, so much of his success must he credited to his efficient wife and the two sons, who proved themselves among the best farmers and stockmen in the township. The year following his wife's death in 1866, Calvin Countryman moved his family to Rockford, Ill., where some years later he organized the firm of Countryman & Co., wholesale dealers in fruit and produce.

Norman, Harvey, Alvin and John E. Countryman were sons of John I. Countryman, Jr., and were born in Herkimer county, N. Y. Alvin came to Lynnville, Ogle county, Illinois, in June 1855. Harvey came in 1857, when they bought jointly the east half of Sec. 34; later Harvey bought the southwest quarter of Sec. 35. At the time of purchase the lands were wild prairie, which necessitated time and labor to make the place habitable. In a few years they both married and here their families were born. Both were successful farmers and added other landed possessions as noted on map. Norman came to Illinois with his wife and first born son, Fayette, in the spring of 1861, and settled in Dement township, purchasing at first 80 acres and later additional lands as noted on map. John E., the youngest of these brothers, came to Illinois from Herkimer county, N. Y., with his wife and oldest daughter, Viola, Aug. 8, 1867. His first purchase of land was the 240 acres noted by name on map in Sections 28 and 29. In 1884 he purchased from his deceased brother, Nathan's estate, the 80 acres also noted in Sec. 29. These four brothers married four Wagner sisters, born in Herkimer county, N. Y. In these homes, on these lands, all their children were born except the two before mentioned. All these lands have, or are falling heir to Countryman kin. (Genealogy of these families will be found in Part I and for further history note sketches accompanying cuts in Part II.)

After some contention by different church organizations, the Lynnville Union Church was organized, and the first church edifice was built in the summer of 1867 and dedicated in November or December by Rev. Geo. W. Crofts, a Lutheran minister preaching then at Ore-



gon, Ill. In this enterprise Daniel Countryman was a prime mover. The church owned no parsonage up to 1904, when it appointed John E. Countryman and Wm. R. Somers as committeemen to solicit funds to purchase a site and the building of a new parsonage. The buliding was completed and dedicated free from debt on Thanksgiving day of that year. The pastor, Rev. O. T. Morgan, a deciple clergyman preached the sermon. In 1909, Mr. Countryman and Mr. Somers were again appointed to solicit funds to erect a new church edifice—with spacious basement equipped to meet social needs of the community. This structure was completed and dedicated free from debt December 16 of the same year, with a small surplus in the treasury, besides furnishing a sumptuous community dinner. The dedicatory sermon was given by Rev. James D. Abbott, a Baptist clergyman, of Rockford, Ill. No monies solicited on day of either dedication. Local Countrymans, with some who had moved from the township, and others near of kin, were liberal contributors. Interesting documents are placed in the church cornerstone. In the township cemetery we have a just pride in that it has a growing fund—the interest of which is adequate to its perpetual upkeep. The interments here at present are: Daniel Countryman and wife, Sally; Moses Countryman and wife, Elizabeth; David Countryman, Nathan Countryman; Elizabeth (Countryman) Shaul and her son, Simon; Mrs. Calvin Countryman and two children; Mrs. John E. Countryman and son, Elmer J.; James Alonzo Countryman, with others near of kin but not of name.



Countryman Reunion Held June, 1904

At Mr. and Mrs. James Alonzo Countryman's Residence, Rochelle, Ill.

Top Row—Simon Shaul, Ralph Countryman, Fred W. Craft, Charles Davis, Miss Luella Winters, Charles Hayes, Mrs. Arthur A. Phelps, Lincoln A. Countryman, Merton A. Countryman, C. F. Toenngeis, Floyd M. Countryman, John E. Countryman, Mrs. Lincoln A. Countryman, Mrs. Thomas E. Fouser, Arthur A. Phelps, John Boyle, Dr. Thomas E. Fouser, Holt D. Miller, Robt. Talbot.

Second Row—Frank G. Greeley, Mrs. Frank G. Greeley, Mrs. George Arthur Lazier, Harold A. Lazier, Geo. Arthur Lazier, Mrs. James Alonzo Countryman, Mrs. Chas. P. Talhot, Mrs. Peter Hyser, Mrs. Calvin Countryman, Mrs. Chas. Hayes, Mrs. D. H. Talbot, Mrs. Millard Countryman, Mrs. Robert Talbot, Mrs. Ida Ritchie, Edith Patten, Mabel Rose Countryman, Mrs. Horace Stocking, Mrs. Fred B. Patten, Mrs. Walter Boyle, Mrs. Fred W. Craft, Mrs. O. G. Winters, Mrs. M. D. Shipman, Mrs. Floyd M. Countryman, M. D. Shipman, Mrs. John Boyle, Charles P. Talbot, O. D. Talbot, Peter Hyser, Elias W. Conderman.

Third Row—Mrs. Ruth Conderman McCarty, Mrs. Norman Countryman, Mrs. Angeline Winters, Dr. J. A. Winters, Dr. O. G. Winters, Mrs. Nathan Countryman, Harvey Countryman, David Henry Talbot, Mrs. E. J. Austen, Mrs. John E. Countryman, Mrs. Harvey Countryman, Mrs. Frank C. Patten, Sylvester Patten, Mr. — Fabric, James Alonzo Countryman, Alvin Countryman, Norman Countryman, Horace Stocking.

Fourth Row—Jessie Davis, Cecil Miller, Wm. Countryman, Ruth Abby Countryman, Geo. C. Fouser, Wilbur E. Lazier, Mildred Davis, Mabel Rose Austen, Ruth Ara Countryman, John C. Craft, Calvin Boyle, Byron C. Patten, Harvey J. Phelps, Raymond A. Phelps, Clarence P. Talbot, Leon Countryman, Clare Countryman, Arthur T. Guest.

Countryman Reunion Held at Rochelle, Ill., June 18, 1902.

Top Row—Merton A. Countryman, Fred W. Craft, Hold D. Miller, Jay A. Countryman, Elizabeth Patten, Horace Stocking, Charles Davis, Mrs. Holt D. Miller, Charles Talbot, Lincoln Countryman, Fayette Countryman, Mrs. A. A. Phelps, Mrs. F. G. Greeley, Edith Patten, Robt. Talbot, Frank G. Greeley, G. A. Lazier, Mrs. G. A. Lazier, J. Alonzo Countryman, Mrs. Horace Stocking.

Second Row—Miss Maud Hyser, Clarabel Patten, Edna Countryman, Mabel R. Countryman, Miss Mary Patten, Mrs. Carrie Allen, Mrs. Francis Owen.

Third Row—Milton D. Patten, Mrs. Frank Patten, Mrs. Milton D. Patten, Mrs. Norman Countryman, Mrs. Nathan Countryman, Mrs. Catharine Cook, Mrs. Sylvester Patten, Mrs. J. Alonzo Countryman, Mrs. Alvin Countryman, Mrs. Chas. Countryman, Chas. Countryman.

Fourth Row—Peter Hyser, Elmer J. Countryman and son, Willard; John E. Countryman, Mrs. Chas. Countryman Bateman, Robert Emmett Countryman, Mrs. Robert Emmett Countryman, Mrs. Abram F. Countryman, Rev. Abram F. Countryman, Rev. Asa Countryman, I. Byron Countryman, Alvin Countryman, Mrs. Calvin Countryman, Mrs. A. D. Fritz, Simon Shaul, J. Almond Austin.

Fifth Row—Millard Countryman, Walter Boyle, Henry Herbert, Calvin Countryman, Dr. O. G. Winters, Mrs. O. G. Winters, Mrs. F. W. Craft, Harvey Countryman, Mrs. John E. Countryman, Mrs. Harvey Countryman, Mrs. Lincoln A. Countryman, John H. Patten, Norman Countryman.

Sixth Row—Emma V. Countryman, Mrs. Millard Countryman, Mrs. Walter Boyle, Ruth Abby Countryman, Ruth Ara Countryman, Leon Countryman, Arthur T. Guest, William Countryman, Raymond Phelps, John C. Craft, Harvey Phelps, Irving B. Countryman.

Countryman Reunion Held June 27, 1923

At Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Phelps, Rochelle, Ill. Lincoln A. Colditz, Photographer.

Top Row—Frank K. Countryman, Harold A. Lazier, Leon Countryman, Raymond A. Phelps, Emery Countryman, George Arthur Lazier, Kenneth Countryman, Franklin Ritchie, Brooks Parker, Mrs. Fred W. Craft, Fred W. Craft, John V. Patten, Dr. Thomas E. Fouser, Geo. Stocking, Mrs. Geo. Stocking, Wm. G. Conner, Charles Davis, Mrs. G. A. Lazier, Paul Schantz, E. J. Austen, Calvin Boyle, Arthur P. Wicks.

Second Row—Mrs. Arthur A. Phelps, Arthur T. Guest, Edgar R. Alcock, Ethel Talbot, Myrna Frazier, Wilbur Stocking, Mrs. Dexter Stocking, Howard Frazier, Mrs. Lincoln A. Countryman, Mrs. Kenneth Countryman, Mary Catharine Countryman, Mrs. Franklin Ritchie, Mrs. Brooks Parker, Miss Hazel Talbot, Master Calvin Countryman, Miss Elizabeth Countryman, Mrs. A. T. Guest, Mrs. John V. Patten, Mrs. Wm. G. Conner, Mrs. Charles P. Talbot, Mrs. Robert Talbot, Mrs. Peter Hyser, Holt D. Miller, Mrs. Holt D. Miller, Mrs. Charles Davis, Mrs. Frank G. Greeley, Mrs. E. J. Austen, Mrs. Walter Boyle, Mrs. Paul Schantz, Mrs. Horace Stocking, Miss Eudora Countryman, Mrs. Elmer J. Countryman.

Third Row—Merton A. Countryman, Mrs. Merton A. Countryman, Mrs. Howard Frazier, Mrs. Edgar R. Alcock, Mrs. Thomas E. Fouser, Peter Hyser, Mrs. Jay Ferguson, Barbara Shipman, Lincoln A. Countryman, Robert Talbot, Walter Boyle, Mrs. Norman Countryman, Mrs. Alvin Countryman, Miss Emma V. Countryman, Mrs. John E. Countryman, Mrs. William Countryman, William Countryman, John E. Countryman, Norman W. Countryman, Calvin Countryman, James Alonzo Countryman, Mrs. James Alonzo Countryman, Mrs. Calvin Countryman, Mrs. Arthur P. Wicks.

Fourth Row—Miss Helen Greeley, Miss Gertrude Greeley, Fred B. Patten, Charles Davis, Jr., Miss Alice Rose Lazier, Millard Countryman, Child, John Brooks Parker, Margarie L. Countryman, Byron R. Talbot, Miss Marion J. Alcock, Mrs. Floyd Welty, Robert H. Alcock, Leota Edna Countryman, Carolyn M. Countryman.

Abraham Countryman.

Abraham Countryman, the seventh child and third son of John, of Conradt 1st, was born March 31, 1773, and wed Catharine Crounce or Crouse, April 25, 1791. Had a family of eleven children, viz: Mary, Rachel, Elizabeth, Catharine, Abraham, Phillip, John A. I., Nicholas, Lany, Solomon and Peter. These were all born in Minden, Montgomery county, N. Y. All were born within the years 1791 and 1810. Abraham, by will, inherited of his father 63 acres of land in the Geisenburg district. (See Will of John Countryman.) Many, if not all of his children were at some time residents of Steuben county, N. Y., some going to Canada as early as 1820. He died in Stark, in 1843, and is buried in the family burying ground of his nephew, John B. Shaul, not far from Van Hornsville, N. Y. It is a pleasure to present some cuts and sketches of sons and grandsons of this family.

John A. I. Countryman.

John A. I. Countryman was born in the town of Stark, Herkimer county, N. Y., June 1, 1802, and died in Cameron, Steuben county, N. Y., Nov. 14, 1878. He early formed the habit of industry and diligence in business, which became the practice of his life. When he was but ten years of age he left home to care for himself. When sixteen he spent nine months of continuous chopping in the forest in the Black River country. At twenty he was employed in digging the Erie Canal and also took a journey mostly on foot and by stage to western New York. He learned the carpenter trade and worked at that and farming most of his life. His school advantages were limited but he made the most of them and acquired a good, practical education.

In 1850 he bought a farm of 153 acres in Cameron, Steuben county, N. Y., mostly timber, which he cleared and made his permanent home. He planned carefully and executed faithfully and never

failed in his obligations. In military requirements he was First Lieutenant of Artillery. In politics he was a Republican and Prohibitionist.

When he was twenty-three years old he was married to Miss Magdalena Snyder, who proved a most valuable helpmeet. Eight children were born of this union. Their names in the following order: Louisa Melvina, Catherine Maria, Addison, Abram Fletcher, Marion Helen, J. Benson, Margaret Elizabeth, Emma Jane. The father lived to see them all married and settled in life and all professed Christians, and all the children stood at the bedside of the venerated and venerable father as he passed to the celestial home. The subject of this sketch was converted in early life and was a life-long member of the Methodist Episcopal church. After his marriage, in his new home, he established the family altar and its fires never went out. He died in the triumphs of the Christian faith and was buried in the beautiful rural cemetery at Jasper, N. Y. (Further family record Pages 108 and 109.)

Rev. J. Benson Countryman.

Rev. J. Benson Countryman, was born in Minden, Montgomery county, N. Y., Nov. 13, [illegible]. He was the [illegible] of John A. I. Country-

man. When he was ten years of age his father purchased a farm in Cameron, Steuben county, N. Y., and this became the home during his young manhood. This part of his life was spent in helping clear the farm, as it was mostly forest and he was early initiated into the experiences of hard work. He was given the advantages of education such as common school, Troupsburg Acamedy and finishing the academic course at Genesee Wesleyan Seminary. When sixteen years of age he taught his first district school. When twenty years old he was associate teacher of Sonora Academy and afterward principal of Arcada Academy.

He was converted at eleven years of age and united with the Methodist Episcopal church. He was licensed to preach in 1864 and given charge of the church in Bradford, Pa. After supplying that year he was admitted to the Genesee Conference, and entered cheerfully upon his life work, serving different churches in western New York for forty-four years, and now at the age of eighty-four he is still able to preach and assist in the work of the church he loves. He has preached more than four thousand five hundred times and received scores into the church. Politically a Republican and Prohibitionist.

On June 20, 1865, he was married to Miss Eleanor M. Brownell, daughter of Rev. Veranus Brownell, who proved a valuable assistant in his ministry, and life-long charm in his home. Their children's names are Everett Clayton, Edith Florence and Onnolee. All three are college graduates. Everett is a lawyer now in the employ of the state in the capitol building at Albany, N. Y. Edith married a minister, and Onnolee married a doctor. After the forty-four years of active ministerial work the subject of this sketch spent one year in Florida and then settled in Rochester, N. Y., where he and his beloved wife are in the enjoyment of their pleasant home.

Eastertide.

The fragrant, gladsome Easter air,
  In Springtime freshness floats around,
To bless with inspiration sweet
  And cheer the hearts by sorrow bound.

The earth shakes off her yearly sleep;
  The birds return and flowers bloom;
The seeds long held in icy grasp,
  Now break the barriers of their tomb.

The sunshine kiss of vernal warmth
  Awakens with responsive thrill;
The bulbs and roots of sleeping plants,
  To clothe with beauty plain and hill.

The South wind blows with mighty breath,
  The resurrection trumpet loud,
And nature rises from her death,
  And lays aside her somber shroud.

On Easter morn give thanks and sing,
  For power divine, broke death's chill sway;
And gave the promise we shall rise
  To joyous life, in endless day.

—J. B. Countryman.

Robert Emmett Countryman Abram Fletcher Countryman
Alvin Countryman Harvey Countryman
Norman Countryman
Photo Taken at June, 1902, Picnic

The above cut of five Countrymans are representatives of the John line, of Conradt 1st. The three sitting, from left to right are: Harvey, Norman and Alvin, sons of John I. Countryman, Jr. (Their cuts with sketches elsewhere.) The two standing, reading the same, are: Robert Emmett and Abram Fletcher, sons of Nicholas and John A. I. and grandsons of Abraham, of John, of Conradt.

Robert Emmet, the son of Nicholas and Amanda Bamby Countryman, was born at Port Rowan, Canada, May 31, 1833, and died Sept. 24, 1919. He married Mary E. McConahey, of Jonnstown, Pa., a school teacher in Nebraska, Feb. 13, 1867. He moved with his parents to Michigan when about three years old, and went to Dixon, Ill., when 21 years old. While there he went to Freeport, Ill., and heard the Lincoln and Douglas debate. In the spring of 1859 he left Dixon with an ox team for Nebraska. When in Iowa he was delayed by heavy rains, causing impassable swollen streams. So in camp several days, he with others of his party, entertained the crowd by joining in the Indian festivities—dancing around the campfire. The people called him the "Big Yankee" and named the place Emmettsville in his honor. He crossed the Missouri at Brownsville on a flatboat. Went to Nebraska City and worked at the carpenter trade for awhile and joined by his parents, they went to Cass county, and there bought the homestead farm that is still owned by the family. He lived on that farm

until about 1897, when he moved about nine miles to Weeping Water, where he died at 86. In early life he belonged to the M. E. church, later to the Congregational, of which for a short time he was deacon and Sunday School superintendent. He maintained daily family devotions. Was an Odd Fellow for a time. In politics a Republican, at times voting the Prohibition ticket—anti-saloon always. Retiring, yet brave—he died as he lived, in full Christian faith.

Abram Fletcher Countryman, in group cut, was born in Minden, Montgomery county, N. Y., March 11, 1832, and peacefully passed from his earthly residence to his eternal abode February 16. 1915.

He was born in a humble Methodist home, where family worship was maintained with daily regularity and where the Bible and Hymnal occupied a prominent place in the limited library.

When fourteen years old he yielded to Christian influences that surrounded his boyhood and publicly confessed his faith in Christ and united with the church of his parents. From that day of blessed experience his interest in the prosperity of the church never weakened. He was eminently and devoutly religious and ever ready to give a reason for the hope that was in him, and to persuade others to accept God's offered grace. His neighbors can testify of his readiness to introduce topics for conversation and to urge the unconverted to be Christians.

His educational advantages were limited to the district school and academy. He taught school several years in his native state and one year in Kentucky. He spent one year in Kansas when that state was turbulent and needed staunch men to keep it from the agression of slavery.

He was licensed to preach in 1860 and received on trial in the East Genesee Conference in 1861 and into full membership in 1863. For 34 years he received his appointments and faithfully performed his allotted work and after his retirement, with unabated interest he labored and prayed for the cause he loved. The last winter he held weekly prayer meetings in his home to assist his pastor and for the encouragement and aid of those who were converted in the revival then in progress. One week before his death he held the last cottage meeting and was soon after taken ill with pnumonia.

In his declining years Missions and Missionaries were absorbing subjects for his study. He talked and prayed and gave for them. Three native preachers in active work in China were educated and assisted by his generous benevolence. He also educated two persons in India. In his will he remembers the Foreign and Home Missions and Bible Society, also Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, and left an amount to build a church under direction of the Church Extension Society.

He practiced tithing that he might be ready to assist in Christian work. On every charge he served, the benevolent contributions were increased. His average salary was $488. but during his active ministry he paid $900 to assist in building churches and parsonages and repairing the same and paying off old debts. All this demanded economy and profound faith. Conversions occurred on nearly every charge. He earnestly preached a full salvation and held special meetings to promote the higher Christian life.

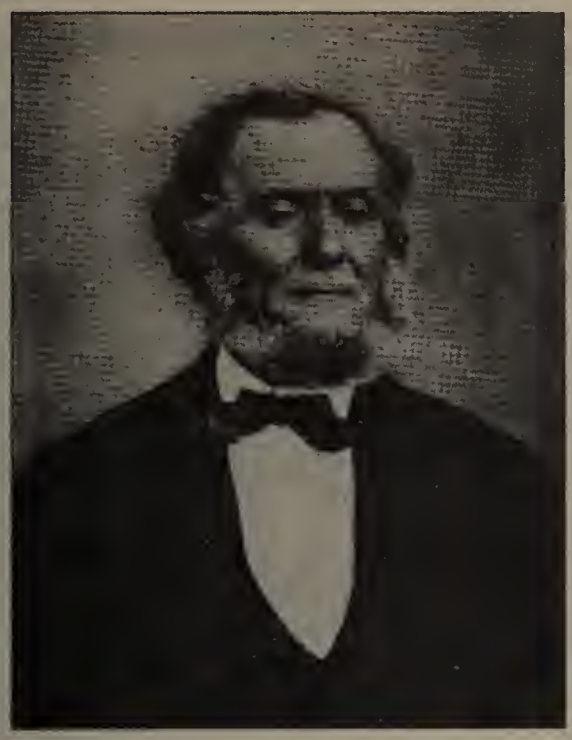
As a man he was fair-minded, companoniable, loyal and true in every relation of life. In the words of another: "he passed through the world as one may walk across a field of snow, leaving a track but no stain." That he appealed to men is evidenced by the honors conferred upon him by the fraternal orders to which he belonged and the esteem in which he was held by them, though he used these for no

selfish and unworthy ends but solely for the widening of his influence as a Christian and a minister.

As a Methodist born and bred he was uncompromisingly loyal to our doctrines and polity; he knew our history and believed in our mission to "spread scriptural holiness;" he had the spirit of the martyrs and would have gone to the stake rather than violate his conscience in things small as well as great; he was methodical in his devotions, study and work, and embodied and exemplified both the spirit and letter of the "Rules for a Preacher's Conduct."

He had been the victim of pneumonia for several winters and expected the final result. In giving some directions concerning his funeral he requested that no unnecessary expense should be incurred. He said: "Use the money you would give for flowers to plant the Rose of Sharon in some heathen clime." When nearing the end, with calm resignation he said: "The will of the Lord be done." In the morning of his last day upon earth his wife repeated the hymn beginning "My faith looks up to Thee," as she finished he uttered his last amen. His wife died Oct. 22, 1922.

"There is no death,
  What seems so is transition;
This life of mortal breath,
  Is but the suburb of the life Elysian,
Whose portals we call death."



Solomon Countryman.

Solomon Countryman, grandson of John, of Conradt 1st, and son of Abraham and Katherine Diefendorf Countryman, was born in what is now the town of Stark, Herkimer county, N. Y., March 22, 1808. Was educated in common schools and at Cazenovia Seminary in Oneida county, N. Y. In early years he taught school in Montgomery county, N. Y.—later served as justice of the peace at Fort Plain for six years, at the same time studying law. Was an ardent Methodist and local preacher. A Democrat up to 1856—anti-slvery in sentiment —thereafter a Republican. Established a store at Jasper, N. Y., and continued in business for a number of years. Was postmaster from 1861 to 1875. Died suddenly while on a visit to Fort Plain, N. Y., Sept. 21, 1875, and is buried at Jasper, Steuben county, N. Y. (Further records on Page 111.)

Edwin Countryman.

Edwin Countryman was the great-grandson of John, of Conradt 1st, and son of Solomon and Catharine Diefendorf Countryman, and was born at Fort Plain, N. Y., May 2, 1833. Was educated in the common schools and his legal training acquired in a law office at Cherry Valley, N. Y. He married Ann Thompson of that village in 1854. They had one son, Charles E.. (a lawyer, who died in 1899.) He was admitted to the har in 1854 and elected district attorney of Otsego county, N. Y. in 1859, retaining that office for three years. In 1867 was registrar of bankruptcy of the 19th Congressional District. Gov. John A. Dix appointed him justice of the supreme court to fill vacancy caused by the death of Justice John M. Parker, for the sixth district. Judge Countryman removed to Albany and became a member of the law firm of Parker & Countryman, consisting of Judge Amasa Parker and himself. Judge Countryman was one of the leading lawyers of his time and the history of his life work is written in the reports of the state of New York and in the United States.

Among the many celebrated cases with which he was connected as attorney, or as counsel, and which gave him enduring fame, were the Cornell College Fisk and McGraw will case (so called,) and the Tilden will case. Among the products of his pen may be mentioned his "Ethics of Legal Compensation." Another and his last was "The Supreme Court and Its Appellate Jurisdiction."

His retiring nature more than any other factor, prevented him from becoming the best known lawyer in the state and it is probable that, except for this reason, he would have occupied the highest bench in the judiciary. He was good natured and always enjoyed a good story. Was painstaking and patient with everything except wrong. Temperate in his habits and his life above reproach. The possessor of probably the most logical and legally acute mind of his time in the city of Albany, and was frequent contributor to legal periodicals of the day and what he wrote was always of live interest and of great value to the profession. Republican and Independent in politics. Died June 13, 1914. Body cremated and ashes placed in mother's grave at Freys Bush, New York.

David F. Countryman.

David F. Countryman, great-grandson of John, of Conradt 1st, and son of Solomon and Katharine Diefendorf Countryman, was born in Montgomery county, N. Y., July 26 1841. He wed Emma S. Simpson, March 3, 1878. No issue. Served in Civil War three years in Co. K, 86th N. Y. Vol., and wounded at Mine Run, Va. After the war, was connected as storekeeper with the New York Custom House for five years, but spent most of his life on a farm. His wife died in Steuben county, April 11, 1920. A Republican for years, but later Independent in politics. Belonged to no church—has leaning to the Methodists. Was a Mason once until lodge went down and since has affiliated with no other. Home at Jasper, Steuben county, N. Y. (1925). Spent last two winters in California.

William B. Countryman.

Wm. B. Countryman, a great-grandson of John, of Conradt 1st, and son of Solomon and Jane Farquharson Countryman, was born at Fort Plain, N. Y., May 11, 1843, and died May 16, 1891, at Jasper, New York. He wed Amanda Baker, of Camron, N. Y., Aug. 25, 1870. She died in 1891. Born to this union, on son, Edwin W., Aug. 25, 1870, who wed Anna Belle Beach, of Senaca Falls, N. Y. Issue, two daughters, Pauline and Beulah. Mr. Countryman followed farming for a number of years. In later years he conducted a grocery store. He obtained his education in the common schools and the academy at Troupsburg, N. Y. Was a member of the M. E. church and a standard bearer in the Prohibition party in its earlier day—prominent in town affairs and respected by all.

Daniel Countryman.

Daniel Countryman, the third from Conradt 1st, and son of George and Christina Diefendorf Countryman, was born in Albany, later Tryon, now Montgomery county, N. Y., Nov. 6, 1785. He wed Maria (Mary) Moyer about 1803 or 4. To this union were born nine children: Johan (Geo. D.), Christina, Gertrude, Mary, Sally, Daniel, Jacob, Elizabeth, Katharine. His second marriage was to Mary Fort. Issue were: Lany Ann, now, 1925, 103 years old and living at Hastings, Minn.; John Wesley, Henry Daniel, Peter Fort, Levi Nelson, who died at 91 in 1924 and Mary Martha. He moved to Jefferson county, N. Y., prior to 1820—again in 1845 moving to the town of Fine in St. Lawrence county, and in 1854 to Minnesota, where a year later the companion and mother died. He died in 1864. The subject, in the above cut, is one generation closer akin to Conradt 1st than any other represented. He was the son of Lieut George and was born two years after the Revolutionary War.

Lany Countryman Truax.

Mrs. Lany A. Truax was born in Watertown, Jefferson county, New York, on September 3, 1821. She was the eldest of a family of six brothers and sisters, all of whom are dead. Her parents, Daniel and Mary Countryman, showed no special signs of strength or vitality, and died of ordinary ailments at the ages of 78 and 60 years, respectfully. On Sept. 8, 1842, she was married to Daniel B. Truax, moving a short time later from Jefferson county to the northern part of St. Lawrence county, N. Y., then a wilderness. After doing pioneer work there for several years, they moved west, arriving at Point Douglas on the steamer Luella, Sept. 28, 1853. Four months later, they pre-empted a claim four miles west of Hastings in the township of Nininger, residing there until 1867, when they moved to Hastings.

Jan. 2, 1916, her husband died at the age of nearly 98 years, and since then "Aunt Lany" or "Grandma" Truax, as she is familiarly

called, has resided with her son, A. H. Truax. Besides her son, direct descendants of Mrs. Truax are three granddaughters, Willie L. Truax and Emma L. Truax, of Hastings, and Mrs. M. A. Knapp, of Minneapolis, and two great-grandsons ,Lester T. Knapp and Milond E. Knapp. In addition there are a large number of nephews and nieces and their children.

Grandma Truax is still very active mentally and physically for one of her advanced age, and is still interested in all current topics. She has always been a consistent member of the Methodist church and a strong, steady worker in the temperance cause.

She is very sympathetic, and has helped in purse, advice, and influence to the extent of her ability in the uplifting of the downfallen and unfortunate. Practical proof that she is loved and respected by her many friends and acquaintances was given at the celebration of her centennial anniversary Sept. 3, 1921, when more than one hundred gathered in her honor to extend to her their greetings and best wishes.

Has celebrated her 103d birthday, Sept. 3, 1924. She is yet in good health and spirits, mind clear, memory but little impaired, and always ready to greet her friends.

Albert H. Truax.

The subject of this sketch, Albert H. Truax, only child of Daniel B. and Lany A. (Countryman) Truax, was born in the town of Orleans, Jefferson county, N. Y. His parents first moved to Fine, on the western border of the Adirondack Reservation, in New York, and later, in 1853, migrated to Minnesota, at that time the center of pioneering activity. The family settled on a pre-emption claim four miles west of the town of Hastings, then a busy pioneer port on the Mississippi river twenty miles below St. Paul, the capital of the territory. In the years following, leading up to the time of the Civil War, he received a thorough common school education, and in 1863 enlisted in the Second Minnesota Cavalry, where he remained to the end of the war, having received the commission of Second Lieutenant some time prior to his discharge.

Marrying late in the fall of 1865, he moved with his bride to Hastings, where he engaged in the sale of farm machinery until 1885, when he entered into the U. S. government, city, and railroad constructing business, in which he has continued to the present time, doing work in West Virginia, Missouri, Tennessee, Arizona, Wisconsin and Minnesota. In 1883 he was elected State Senator from Dakota county, Minn., and by re-election served until 1891. Now at the age of eighty he is still in the harness and engaged in contract work for the city of Hastings, for which he is thoroughly equipped because of his long experience. He is caring for his dear old mother, who is now nearing her 104th milestone of life and in good health for one so aged. His family consists of three daughters and two grandsons. He says that he wants it understood that he is a Republican, first by choice second by habit, and third by historical experience. He is a member of the G. A. R., a Mason, and a dyed in the wool 100 per cent American

Group Cut of Levi Nelson Countryman Family.

The parents, sitting, and reading from left to right, names of children are: Theophilus Russel, Cripple Creek, Colo.; Mrs. Lana M. C. Conger, Ontario Calif.; Amplias Milton, Cincinnati, Ohio; Gratia Alta, Minneapolis, Miss.

Levi N. Countryman, the father of this family, was the grandson of George, the youngest son of Conradt 1st, and the son of Daniel and Mary Fort Countryman. He was born in Orleans township, near the village of LaFargeville, Jefferson county, N. Y., July 11, 1832. When he was thirteen the family moved to St. Lawrence county. Here in the woods of the town of Fine, located on the western edge of the great forest of the Adirondack region, he spent nearly four years helping to clear land and do other work that fell to the pioneer. At the age of seventeen he left for the Mohawk country, where he spent a few months of that year (1849) in farming and teaching a select school, the following winter near Little Falls, N. Y. In the spring of 1850 he turned his face westward, landing in New Albany, Ind. In youth he was a diligent student in the common school of New York and now was aspiring for a college education. To attain this goal depended wholly on his own resources—not daunted, he at once entered Greenville Academy, and a little later a school at Hartsville, Ind., now Hartsville University. In March, 1851, he married Miss Alta Chamberlain, living nd continuing his studies here up to his Senior year. In the summer of 1855 he had a violent attack of hemorrhage of the lungs. In October of that year, he with his wife and child, moved to Minnesota, where his parents and other relatives were living. Here he secured title to some government land and farmed for a term of years. In 1858, while teaching in winter, he had another like serious attack from which he dispaired recovery. In 1860 he determined to finish his college course, in which he succeeded in getting the degree of A. B. in June, 1861, and a little later that of A. M. Continuing living on the farm he had so recovered in health that he enlisted for service in the Civil War during the last year and was honorably discharged at its close in 1865. To his home came four children, as are seen in the family cut. Interested that all his children should have a college education—to this end he bent his every effort. How well he succeeded you will note in their respective sketches which follow. After the war for fifteen years he taught school and found other employment; which with the proceeds of his farm educated his two sons, then later moved to Minneapolis to give his daughters the advantage of attending the State University. By the "Buffalo Pitts" Threshing Machine Co. he was employed 24 years; managing their interests at Fargo and Minneapolis, which at times involved much travel in the Dakotas, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota. His wife died Jan. 25, 1922, they having lived together nearly 71 years. Their latter years were spent mostly with their daughter, Mrs. L. M. Conger, at Ontario, Calif. To his estimable wife he attributes much of his and his family's success. He was a Christian gentleman, full of love and labor for the cause. Was a member of the M. E. church. In politics a Republican.

Amplias Milton Countryman.

The subject of the following sketch, Amplias M. Countryman, eldest son of Levi and Alta Countryman, was born in Hartsville, Indiana, October 31, 1854, and moved to Minnesota with his parents in the early pioneer days of 1855. His early life was spent on a farm which his father pre-empted from the government, he meanwhile attending the neighborhood district school, which in those days was of an unstable character, both as to regularity and duration. After the close of the Civil War the family moved to Hastings, and he entered the public school of that enterprising town, graduating from the high school in 1873. In 1874 he entered Oberlin College, Ohio, from which he was graduated in the Classical Course in 1878. After a brief respite he entered on a medical course in Cincinnati, graduating in 1881. For forty years he has been in the practice of medicine in one section of eastern Cincinnati, where he has always had a large clientele, and which at the present time, at the age of nearly 71, is not perceptably diminished. He married Adda E. Short, Sept. 26, 1895. No issue.

Theophilus Russell Countryman.

Theophilus Russell Countryman, son of Levi Nelson Countryman and Alta Countryman (nee Chamberlain) was born near Hastings, Minn., June 11, 1857. Attended the public schools of Hastings from the age of nine, and graduated form the high school in June, 1874 Went to Washington University, St. Louis, in 1874, and graduated in June, 1878, taking the degree of Mining Engineer. Shortly afterwards went to Pilot Knob, Mo., as engineer and assistant superintendent of the Pilot Knob Iron Mining Co. In January, 1881, he went to Mexico as transitman and topographer for the Mexican National Railway Co., surveying a line from the City of Mexico to the Pacific coast. Returned to the United States in the latter part of 1881 and entered the employment of the Great Northern Ry. Co. as traveling engineer and draftsman. In July, 1883, began working for the Burlington Railway Co. on the location and construction of their line from Minneapolis to Chicago. In August, 1886, was sent by the Burlington Co. to Denver, Colo., to locate a railway line from Denver to Salt Lake City.

In December, 1889, he went to Uruguay, South America, to work on the location and construction of a railway line from Montevideo to Buenos Aires, for the government of Uruguay. Returned to the United States in August, 1891, and shortly afterwards established an office in the new gold mining district of Cripple Creek, Colo., where he has ever since been engaged in the general practice of civil and mining engineering, superintendence of mining and tunnel operations. Has also been during that time a U. S. Deputy Mineral Surveyor, and for two years Chief Engineer of the Colorado Midland Railway Co.

He was married Jan. 5, 1882 to Ada Jaquith, of Pilot Konb, Mo. To this union four children were born Marvin Countryman, born Jan. 15, 1883, died Aug. 1883; Alta Countryman, born Mar. 14, 1885; Russell L. Countryman, born March 20, 1886, and Ralph Countryman, born March 20, 1888.

Miss Gratia Alta Countryman.

Miss Gratia Alta Countryman, daughter of Levi N. and Alta Countryman, was born in Hastings, Minn., Nov. 29, 1866. After graduating from the Hastings high school in 1882 she entered the University of Minnesota, graduating with the degree of B. S., in 1899. She belonged to the Delta Gamma Sorority and earned Phi Beta Kappa. Immediately after graduation she took a position as assistant in the Minneapolis Public Library, which was just opening under the librarianship of Herbert Putnam, afterwards Librarian of Congress. She became successively Head Cataloguer, Assistant Librarian to James K. Hoesmer, the famous author, and finally Chief Librarian, a position which she has held from 1904 to date. During her administration the library has grown to a collection of 400,000 volumes, with 17 branches and many stations. with service to hospitals. to factories and business houses, to schools and to the entire county. She was instrumental in establishing the State Library Commission, and was its secretary for many years. She was a member of the National War Service Committee of the American Library Association. which furnished camp libraries to American soldiers, and is a member of the American Library Institute, a member of the Executive Board and The Council of the American Library Association.

She has also been interested in local. civic and welfare work. She was a promoter and charter member of the Woman's Club of Minneapolis. She was the promoter and first president of the Women's Welfare League. She was the first president of the Business Women's Club, and is a member of the Board of Directors of many civic organizations. Her interests have been varied and wide and her development of the public library has kept it in touch with every civil and educational movement.

Mrs. Lana M. C. Conger.

Lana M. Countryman, youngest child of Levi N. and Alta Chamberlain Countryman, was born at Hastings, Minn., in 1870. She graduated from the University of Minnesota with degree of B. A. She married Charles T. Conger. Was teacher for several years in Ontario, Calif. She is the mother of Constance V. Conger (Mrs. Gilbert Buffington). It is pertinent to add that at time of this writing, June 1923, Mrs. Conger is closing 24 years of teaching, twenty years of that period in the high school and junior college of Ontario, Calif., having charge of the Department of Foreign Languages. Still at Ontario, 1925.

Peter Fort Countryman.

Peter Fort Countryman, son of Daniel and Eliza Countryman, was born in Jefferson county, N. Y., Dec. 16, 1829. (See Page 138.) When a young boy he removed to St. Lawrence county, N. Y., where on April 26, 1849 he married Miss Elizabeth E. Gleason. In 1855 he heard the call of the West, and with his wife and three children, he removed to Minnesota, and settled on a farm near Hastings, where most of his life thereafter was passed. His wife, who died in 1899, bore him eleven children, nine of whom, namely: Ambrose D., Levi A., Florance A., Emily J. (Cobb), Harriet L. (Cecil), Marcellus L., George E., Daniel M., and Lulu M. (Ruge), are living.

He was a Republican in politics and a member of the Methodist church. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity. For several years he owned and conducted a grocery store in Hastings, Minn., but his farm was his chief interest. He was active in promoting local interests, and held various township offices. During the Civil War he was a member of Co. D, 2d Minn. Infantry. He died at Hastings, Minn., Feb. 14, 1906

Ambrose D. Countryman.

Ambrose D. Countryman, oldest child of Peter Fort and Elizabeth E. (Gleason) Countryman, and grandson of Daniel Countryman, was born in Fine, St. Lawrence county, N. Y., Feb. 8, 1850. He came to Minnesota with his parents in May, 1855, and settled near Hastings, Dakota county, and grew up on his father's farm. He was educated in the country schools, at the University of Minnesota and Washington University, St. Louis, and graduated from the latter institution in June, 1874, with he degree of L. L. B. He was married Aug. 30, 1874, to Miss Jennie Beswick, by whom he had three children: Helen L., Ernest E. and Peter F. His wife died in February, 1916.

He taught school to pay his expenses in college. He practiced law for a time in Minneapolis, and removed to Appleton, Minn., in 1878, where he has since resided and practiced his profession. He was County Commissioner of Swift county, Minn., in 1879 to 1883; Judge of Probate of Swift county, 1882 to 1889; Secretary Board of Education, Appleton, Minn., 1881 to 1915; Assistant Secretary Minnesota State Senate, 1897 to 1905. Republican in politics. Member and warden of Episcopal church. Is a Mason and Shriner. Was Grand Master of Masons of Minnesota in 1892-1903; Grand Patron Grand Chapter of Order Eastern Star of Minnesota, 1901-1902. During the World War

was a member of Motor Corps division, Minnesota National Guard. Is a member of Minnesota Society Sons of American Revolution.

Marcellus L. Countryman.

Marcellus L. Countryman, son of Peter Fort Countryman, was born Aug. 27, 1861, on a farm in Dakota county, Minnesota. He was educated in the country school, Hastings high school, Washington

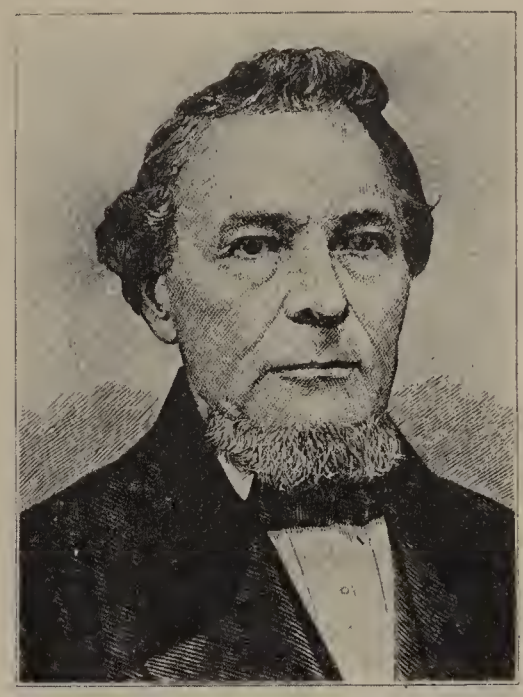
University, Law School, St. Louis, Mo. Admitted to the bar in 1885. Practiced law in St. Paul, Minn., until January, 1903, since which time he was in the service of the Great Northern Railway Co. Is now Vice President and General Counsel of that company. Residence, at 213 South Avon St., St. Paul, Minn. He married Cora May Simmons on April 10, 1890. They have five children and three grandchildren. The children are: Dorothy May, born Feb. 6, 1891, married to William Ripley Dorr; residence, Los Angeles Calif.; they have one son, Roger, three years old. Marcellus L., Jr., born Jan. 12, 1894, educated at St. Paul grade school, high school, University of Minnesota Law College, admitted to the har in 1920, now in the service of the Northern Paeific Railway Co's legal department, St Paul, title, General Attorney; unmarried, lives with parents; during the war was commissioned lieutenant in the regular army, promoted to captain of infantry. Roger S., born Feb. 20, 1895, educated in St. Paul grade school, high school, University of Minnesota College of Medicine, practicing in St. Paul associated with Miller Clinic, specialty, obstetrics; unmarried, lives with parents; served a short time during the war as private. Donald F., born June 18, 1898, educated in St. Paul grade school, high school, University of Minnesota; during war engaged in Y. M. C. A. war work, then enlisted in naval aviation service, became ensign and remained in that service as aviation instructor until spring of 1922; married, residence Spokane, Wash; occupation, claim investigator for Great Northern Railway Co.; wife's name, Edith Cooney; they have two sons: Donald, three years old, and Thomas, two years old. Morton Alden, born Dec. 31, 1903; educated in St. Paul grade and high schools. Now in his junior year in University of Minnesota, College of Electrical Engineering; unmarried, lives with parents.

Mr. Countryman, Sr. does not belong to any church, his wife is a member of St. Clements Episcopal Church. Politically a Republican. Is a Mason, (Past Master); also Royal Arch and Commandery.

George E. Countryman.

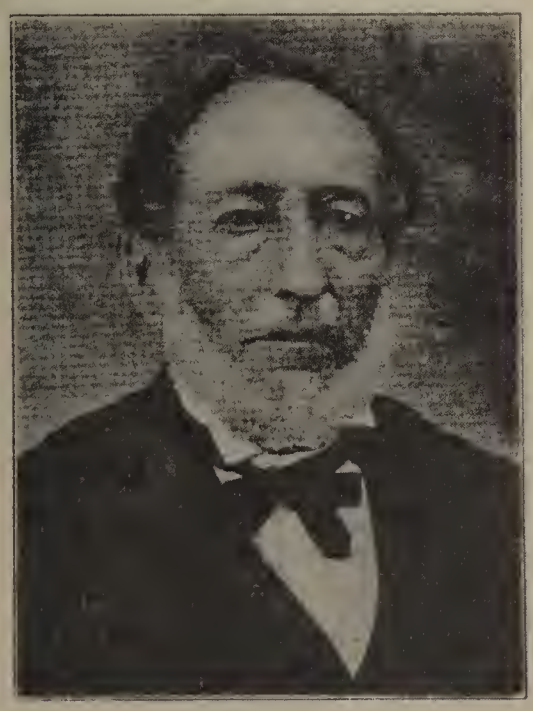
George Edwin Countryman, son of Peter F. and Elizabeth Countryman, was born July 31, 1865, at Hastings, Minn Graduated in Medicine from the Missouri Medical College, St. Louis, in April 1888. Was married Nov. 15 1888 to Miss Kate VanAuken, of Hastings, Minn. To this union was born only one child: Marguerite, now Mrs. E. C. Brown, of St. Paul, Minn., born Aug. 27, 1889

Since the year of his graduation he has practiced his profession at Aberdeen, So. Dak., where he now resides.



Henry Countryman.

Henry Countryman, grandson of George, the youngest son of Conradt 1st, and son of John George and Regina Spraker Countryman, was born in Montgomery county, N. Y., March 7, 1797, and died in Jefferson county, N. Y., June 16, 1875. He wed Elizabeth Walrath, born April 15, 1800, and died Dec. 25, 1873. Both are buried in Evans Mills cemetery. They moved to Jefferson county in 1823. Nine children were born to this union: Alexander, George Henry, Louise, Ludentia, Lucy E., Amos, Catharine, Wilson and Oscar. He was a wagon maker by trade and interested in farming, and owned 600 acres of land at his death. In religious doctrine, a Universalist. In politics, a staunch Republican. He was justice of the peace of the town of Leroy, Jefferson county, N. Y., for a number of years. (See Pages 123 and 124.)



David Countryman.

David Countryman, grandson of George, the youngest son of Conradt 1st, and son of John George and Regina Spraker Countryman, was born in the Mohawk Valley, Dec. 23, 1810; died Aug. 21, 1894. He went to Jefferson county, N. Y when a young man, with his wife, Lovina Shoemaker Countryman, born Dec. 21, 1820. Nine children were born to this union: Joseph, George E., Anna Catharine, Reuben, Charles Herman, Mary Alma, Orville, Orvis H. and Martha Luella. For a number of years he lived at Pamelia, Jefferson county, later moved to Plessis, in the town of Alexandria. His occupation was farming. He was a member of the M. E. church and he belonged to the Masonic order. Was a staunch Republican. He gave up farming at the age of 71 or 75, after which he lived with his son, Reuben, at Antwerp, N. Y., where he died at the age of 77. Interred at Antwerp. (See Pages 126 and 127).

Lucy Ann Countryman.

Lucy Ann Countryman, granddaughter of George, the youngest son of Conradt 1st, and daughter of John George and Regina Spraker Countryman, was born in the town of Danube, Herkimer county, N. Y., near Fords Bush, Oct. 15, 1814. She married Jacob Reasner, Jan. 20, 1835, at Fords Bush, N. Y., where they lived until 1849, when they moved to Jefferson county and bought a farm near Rosier, where she and her husband lived until their deaths. She died Feb. 17, 1884, and he, Sept 13, 1903, at the ripe age of 94 years. Their children were: Mary, Jacob, Jay Peter, George Henry, David, Martha, Catharine; Norman and Herman now living on the old homestead. She and her husband are buried in St. Lawrence cemetery, near the home. Her grandfather, George, was a lieutenant in the Revolutionary War, and her father, John George, a soldier in the War of 1812. (See Pages 129-130 Part II.)

Martha Reasner Bird.

Martha Reasner Bird, daughter of Lucy Ann Countryman Reasner, was born Nov. 28, 1845, and wed John W. Bird, Feb. 1, 1881, at Lynnville, Ill. After farming for three years near Monroe Center, Ogle county, Illinois, in the spring of 1884 they moved to Cerro Gordo county, Iowa, near Rockford, where they purchased a farm and continued to farm until his death, Dec. 15, 1907. To this union were born two children: Frank E. and Clara. In the spring of 1915 the family moved to Rockford, Iowa, where they are now living and renting their landed interests that consist of 685 acres of Iowa fertile soil. Her husband, John W. Bird, was elected as a Republican two successive terms to the Iowa legislature, 1885-1887, and served in extra session in 1888.

Peter Countryman's Family.

Sitting—Michael, Frank, William, Josiah
Standing—Eliza, Lucy, Noah, George W., Sarah Ann

Peter Countryman.

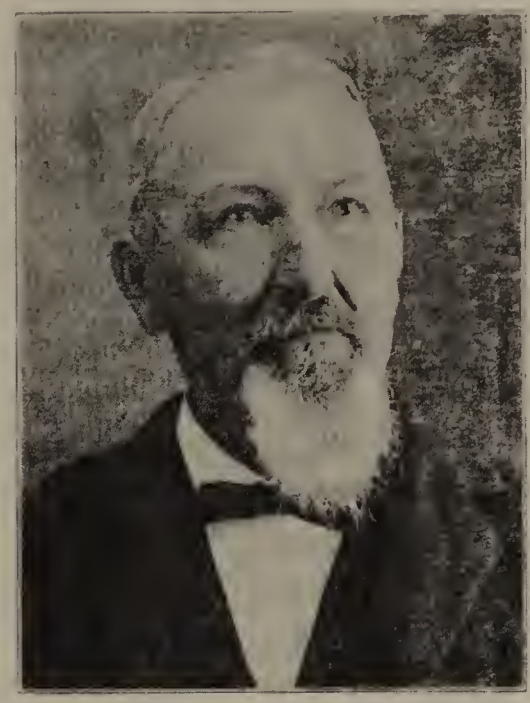
Peter Countryman, son of Peter and Rosanna Countryman, was born Sept. 18, 1808, in Sommerset county, Pa. He was married Feb. 11, 1830, and was the father of eleven children: Josiah, Eliza, Anna, Amos, Sarah Anna, Lucy, Michael Luther and Wm Schever were twins; Washington, Franklin and Noah. He emigrated by wagon to New Philadelphia, Ohio, in 1840, and in 1844 came to Iowa by wagon and bought a farm in southeastern Iowa, which had been homesteaded, and this was ever after his home. He died April 26, 1867, aged 58 years, 7 months and 8 days.

Josiah Countryman.

Josiah Countryman, oldest son of Peter and Mary Countryman, was born March 23, 1830, near Somerset, Somerset county, Pa. While quite young his parents emigrated by wagon to Ohio, only to live there a few years, when they moved westward by wagon and settled in Van Buren county, Iowa, in 1844. After obtaining as good an education as the schools of the country afforded, he taught school in winter and worked at his chosen trade of carpenter and cabinet maker in summer. He volunteered for service in the Civil War, but was rejected on account of disability. March 13, 1866, he was married to Mrs. Rachel Stevens, of Batavia, Iowa. To them were born eight children: Emma May, Minnie Rae, John Valentine, Lillian Lucy, Bertha Gertrude, William Edward (deceased), Ernest Marion and Grace Elizabeth. After his marriage he engaged in furniture and undertaking at Batavia, Ia., making furniture and caskets. He left this and moved to the farm near Batavia in 1872. In 1876 he bought a farm three and a half miles east of Selma and north of Douds, where he ever afterward made his home, except a few years, when he lived in Birmingham to finish educating his children, where he was again engaged in the furniture and undertaking business. After a few years he moved back to the farm, but always followed the trade of carpentry, when not busy on the farm. He was among the first to unite with the Lutheran church, organized at Zion, two miles northeast of Douds, then known as Portland. He was an active member until the time of his death, May 16, 1914, after an illness of a few months, at the age of 83, and was buried at Zion Lutheran cemetery.

John Valentine Countryman.

John Valentine Countryman, oldest son of Josiah and Rachel Countryman, was born near Batavia, Iowa, Jan. 7, 1872. When a small boy his parents moved to the farm three and a half miles east of Selma and north of Douds, where he has made his home the greater part of his life. After obtaining a country school education, he moved with his parents to Birmingham, where he attended school, but has been studying all his life, being greatly interested in mathematics and architectural drawing. He followed the carpenter trade for twelve years, when he moved back to the farm with his parents. After his marriage to Miss Rhoda Gabelman, Jan. 29, 1909, they lived in Libertyville, Iowa, for a short time, where he again engaged in architect work. They then moved to a farm a mile north of the father's farm, where they lived for three years, then bought an adjoining farm, where he lived until after his father's death, when he bought his old home and where he is still living. He has spent all his life in Van Buren and Jefferson counties, Iowa, except a short time spent in Arkansas and California. While living on the farm he spent part of his time building and drawing plans for houses. He has four children: Irma, Viola, John Kenneth, Vera Evelyn and Gratia Iola.



Peter Countryman.

Peter Countryman, grandson of Peter and Rosanna Countryman, of Somerset county, Penn., and son of Jacob and Lydia Freedline Countryman, was born in Somerset county, in 1834, and died in 1913. He married Elizabeth Hart, born in 1835 and died in 1905. Both are buried in Newville cemetery, DeKalb, Ind. When a lad he came to Ohio with his parents in a covered wagon and lived with them until his marriage, when he bought 240 acres of wooded land in Defiance county, Ohio, which he cleared—where to close of life he lived. He enlisted in U. S. service in the Civil War, Sept. 23, 1861, at Waterloo, Ind., in Co. F, 44th Reg., and was mustered out of service at Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 14, 1865. In politics a staunch Republican. He was a member of the Christian church. (His family genealogy on Page 232, Part II.)

William Countryman.

William Countryman, grandson of Peter and Rosanna Countryman, and son of Jacob and Lydia Freedline Countryman, was born in Wyandot county, Ohio, Feb. 9, 1851, and wed Pauline Smith, daughter of Warren and Sarah Smith, of near Ottawa, Ohio, Aug. 21, 1877. Issue of this union are two sons: Kenneth, of Coldwater, Mich., and Carl, of Fort Wayne, Ind. William Countryman and wife have always farmed in Indiana until recently, when they purchased a home in Hicksville, where they have retired from strenuous labor. They belong to the P. of I., a farmers' club. Are members of the Christian church and have always been Republican in politics. (Family genealogy more complete on Page 233, Part II.)

Daniel Countryman.

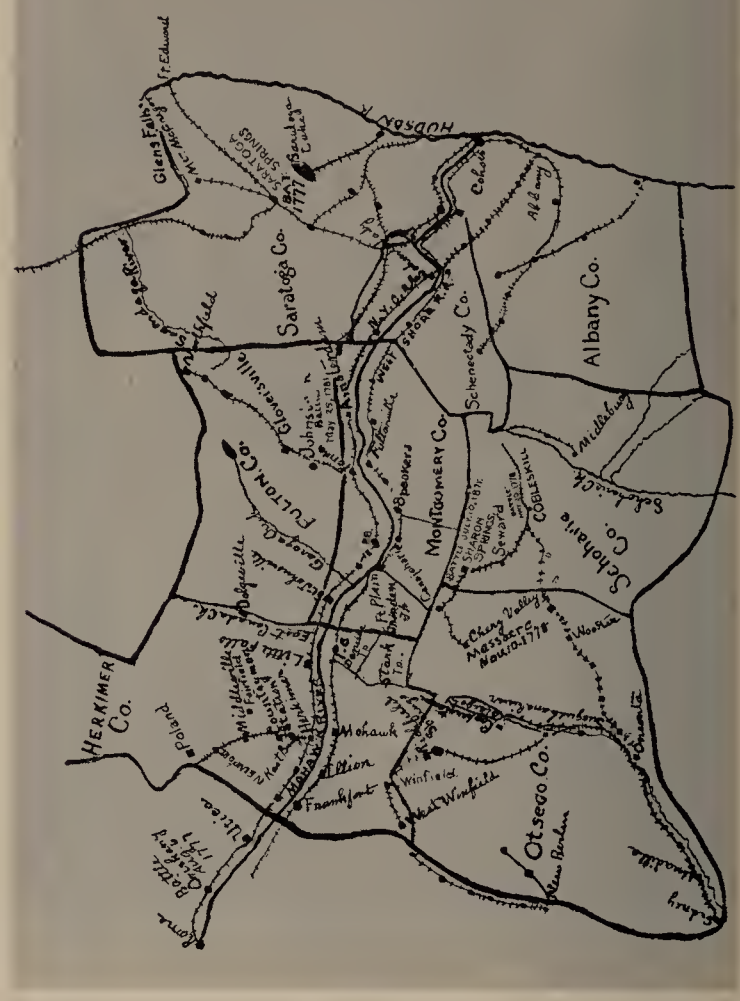
Daniel Countryman, son of Peter and Matilda Ames Countryman, was the first white child born in Wheatland township, Ingham county, Michigan. Here he grew to manhood and at the call of the United States enlisted in service in Co. K, 9th Mich. Reg. Was discharged on account of physical disability and later re-entered in the Mich. 28th and served to close of war. He was married to Evlyn Clark, Sept. 1870. To this union were born seven children: Daniel Luther, Eliza M., Baker A., Thomas F., Harriet E., William T. S. and Geo. Edward. The wife and mother, in 1924, lives at Bonners Ferry, Idaho. (More complete genealogy elsewhere in Part II.)

Middle and Eastern Mohawk Valley.

The map here presented represents the middle and the eastern Mohawk valley, the first place of any tangible history of Countrymans in America. It was here that Conradt reared his family of ten children, the oldest one, Adam, born 1719. Here that Conradt got title to land in 1731. His death occurred prior to 1777. He was always a British subject. The title to his land antedates by one year the birth of Washington and of the first railroad in the valley by one hundred years, and more than a century before the first telegraph. The eastern part of the valley was settled by Holland Dutch much earlier than the middle by the German Palatines. Six of the seven sons, with all grandsons of military age, proved loyal to the Colonies. In 1720, New York Colony had a population of only 27,000 whites and 4,000 negro slaves. Slavery was abolished in 1817 and took effect Jan. 1, 1827. The middle Mohawk was then the western boundary of white settlement. The Mohawk and the other Iroquois Indian tribes jealously guarded their hunting ground against further intrusion. Happily for the early settlers that England was in pacific relations with the Iroquois. as they proved a barrier to the raids from the north and west by the French and Algonquins.

Tbe Mohawk valley east to the Hudson was their little world and the village of Albany the metropolis. Few ,if any, even of the third generation got beyond these borders. The means of travel until after the revolution was mainly on foot or horseback or by canoe or battaux on the river. Washington, in 1783, toured the valley on horseback. The first mail stage west of Albany as far as Canajoharie was in 1790. Postage then was 6 cents for a letter thirty miles. Three generations of Countrymans had no common school advantages to learn English. These talked German or Mohawk Dutch exclusively—and the fourth generation spoke English very poorly. Children were robbed of the advantages and joys of school days.

Their constituted farm equipments for a century or more were the axe ,saw and hammer, a horse and a home-made harness of breast collar with skin or rope tugs, possibly an ox team, a wooden plow with iron point, some improvised "drag". sickle and flail. The cast-iron plow, the more modern harrow, the leather hame collar harness, the grass scythe and grain cradle—these the heritage of the fourth and fifth generations. Mine was the pleasure to use the then modern improvements and have often rejoiced that I was not earlier born. More than two decades of my earlier life were spent here. Lingering memories of antiquated farm and household accoutrements are mine of vision—rather than history to later generations. Mother's spinning wheels to manufacture the yarn and thread, which by loom she deftly wove into fabrics to clothe her family. Knitting needles, the which every lass in her teens was plying for the household comfort—much of this was done in long winter evenings, by the light of tallow



dips, at times supplemented by metal lamps in which was burned refuse fats or whale oil.

This section was the birth and burial place of three generations. With their environments and means of travel, naught else could they do. With better facilities the fourth and fifth generations sought other fields. Today. Countryman homes and communities are found in many states. Instead of exclusive farming as in earlier days, their vocations and professions are many. In the light of Countryman history the study of this map with others given, I trust will be interesting. This, an historic section. For full knowledge read Lossing's, Beer's. Sim's & Greene's histories. Greene. at this time, is compiling an elaborate history to date. With this brief outline I must be content.

Outstanding Events Contemporary with the Countrymans in America.

British subjects under George 1st from 1714 to 1727; George II from 1727 to 1760; George III from 1760 to 1776, and after treaty of peace. 1783, American citizens.

Voted for George Washington in January, 1789, who was unanimously elected, and inaugurated April 30, 1789, under federal constitution adopted March 4, 1789.

First census of U. S. A., 1790, when population was 3,929,827, with nearly 700,000 slaves.

In 1790 first American voyage around the world, by Captain Gray, of Boston.

Whole number of post-offices in U. S., 1790, 75, and cost to send letter 30 miles, 6c; and 450 miles or more, 25c.

Prior to 1791, mail from Albany through Mohawk valley was carried on horseback.

First turnpike in U. S. was from Philadelphia to Lancaster. Penn., 1792. First turnpike in Mohawk valley about 1795.

First patent for nail machine granted to Samuel Griggs, of Philadelphia, in 1791.

First common school recommended by Gov. Clinton, of New York state, 1795.

George Washington died Dec. 14, 1799.

Louisiana purchased from France, April 30, 1803 for $15,000,000

The Clermont, a steamboat built by Robert Fulton, on Aug. 7, 1807, made a successful trip from New York City to Albany and return in 72 hours.

An act by Congress, March 2, 1807, prohibited the African slave trade.

In 1808, first temperance society in American was organized at Moreau, Saratoga county, N. Y.

1808, first printing press west of Mississippi river set up at St. Louis.

June 18, 1812, second war was declared with England. Sept. 10, 1813, Perry's victory on Lake Erie. Aug. 24, 1814, Washington burned by British . Dec. 24, 1814, treaty of peace with Great Britain.

1817, Erie Canal commenced, and finished in 1825.

1831, 17 mile railroad built from Albany to Schenectady.

Slavery abolished in New York, July 4, 1827.

1819, The Savannah, first steam vessel to cross the Atlantic.

1819, the first improved plow patented by Jethro Wood. 1834, McCormick mower and reaper patented.

The lucifer match was patented by an American in 1836.

May 27, 1844, first telegraph message sent from Washington to Baltimore—"What hath God wrought."

Mexican War, 1846--1848.

The Singer, the first successful sewing machine, came into use in 1850.

First Republican National Campaign, 1856.

Atlantic cable's first message, Aug. 5, 1858—"Europe and America are united."

Abraham Lincoln elected president in November, 1860. Emancipaiton Proclamation, Sept. 1862. Civil War, 1861, to Lee's surrender, April 14, 1865. Lincoln assassinated April 12, 1865.

The Alaska purchase was made in 1867. Price paid $7,200,000.

Transcontinental railroad completed May 10, 1869.

Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia, 1876.

Edison's first phonograph, 1877.

Bell's first telephone message, from Salem to Boston, 1877.

World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, 1893.

Spanish-American War, 1898.

1915, first wireless message between Washington and Paris.

First cross-continent telephone message, 1915.

World War, Aug. 1914 to Nov. 11, 1918.

1919, first aeroplane mail service between New York and Chicago.

Jan. 16, 1920, 18th Amendment to the federal constitution.

Aug. 26, 1920, 19th Amendment to the federal constitution.

1924, Lowell Smith, Leigh Wade, Erick Nelson, Leslie Arnold, Henry Ogden and Jack Harding, round the world aviators.

Nov. 28, 1924, first trans-Atlantic wireless photos taken of President Coolidge, Owen Young, Prince of Wales, and others.

April, 1925, an X-Ray picture taken from New York to Chicago and returned to New York by aeroplane in nine hours.

1925, number of automobiles in use, 17,500,000.

In the more than two centuries of their occupancy (however desirous), I shall not attempt to say what share they have had in peopling and developing a country that has more than tripled its original domain and grown in population from less than half a million to more than 110 millions, and a country of forest and wild prairies converted into gardens, orchards and productive fields. The history of these years are written in the physical accretions, the civil, intellectual and moral attainments of each succeeding generation and their complement is our heritage of citizenship in a republic of, by and for the people.

Finale

After our wandering and cruising in the mazes of time and events we are anchoring with delight and content in the haven of "Countryman Genealogy." Winds, weather and waves have not always been propituous. so our landing has been materially delayed—with the ever harressing thought—will the cargo he worth the charges.

Book-making has not been the vocation of the autbors of Countryman Genealogy, but a far-fetched and delayed avocation for the occasion—not adepts but novices in an experimental adventure. That so many have taken stock in the enterprise by hazarding the price of a book and books has made the project of its publication possible.

To keep the book within the maximum of estimate price I made on soliciting subscriptions has had its influence no doubt to sacrifice best of form to save expense. May I say to the credit of the publishers their proffer of publication was much less than that of others, and that they and the author in after thought and vision are the most severe and painful critics for errors that appear. May I plead the covering of its defects (and there are some) the mantle of charity.

The book has many more pages than first estimated and still very close to the estimated approximate cost. Time and incident expenses of gathering data, re-writing and arranging copy for press, with the reading of proof, have all been charged to personal account to keep book at minimum publication price. I would the book were more complete—and might have been so—had there been a more ready response to my solicitations.

To the bark, I bid adieu, and have much personal satisfaction in the discoveries made. Should some young explorer choose to further cruise. I can but think what now's been done must vantage prove to new discovery.

Errata.

Page 48—Seymore should be Seymour.
Page 50—Fort Pickins, South Carolina, should be Fort Fisher, North Carolina.
Page 64—pictoral should be pictorial.
Page 64—phyogognomic should be physiognomic.
Pagt 64—Malenial should be Millennial.
Page 95—Edgr should be Edgar.
Page 177—Sanish American should be Spanish American.
Page 186—898 should be 1898.
Page 188—Appleton, S. Dak. should be Appleton, Minn.
Page 224—grst should be first.
Page 228—772 should be 1772.
Page 253—Hoophole should be Hooppole.
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Pages 94 and 95:

Martin married Ann Weart, not West. Ann born 1820, died 1880. Children: George Herman, married McConkey; John C., connection to Moore and Thompson; Elizabeth Ann, died age 56, not married; William, no further record; James Albert, my grandfather; Rachael, connection to Tuckers; Franklin, connection to Frank; Mary C., died at birth.

– W.A. Countryman
Tweed, Ontario

Page 138, paragraph 2:

There were two children to die very young. Those children were: Daniel B., born 2 February 1857, died 1865; and Edith C., born 24 September 1863, died 24 August 1865.

– Vivian Sayles
Rockaway, Oregon

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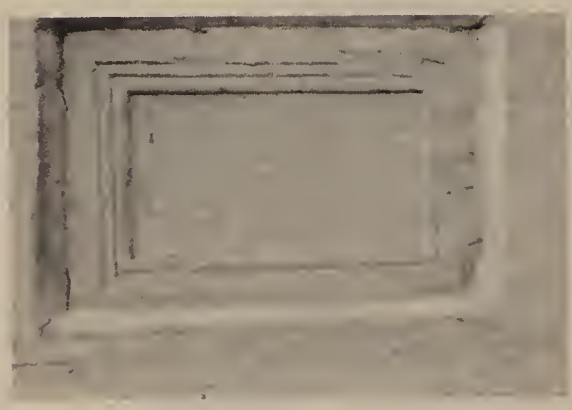
As It Looks Today

Rathaus.



Stone on church.

Rathaus.

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EARLY COUNTRYMANS

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A newspaper clipping from the *Enterprise and News*, published at Saint Johnsville, New York, November 30, 1927, copied at the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 122 East 58 Street, New York City:

First Settlers and Their Descendants

Articles of interest to genealogists and family historians, unpublished papers concerning our pioneers.

Our readers are invited to send copies of family papers and historic matter relating to early families. There are many unpublished papers which will be of material value in tracing the broken lines in Mohawk Valley genealogy. Wills and deeds, old Bible records, cemetery records are of value. We especially desire unpublished material which the owners may deem of value in helping others. Copy will receive careful attention and [will be] returned to owner when originals are sent but for safety we would prefer copies of originals.

Conrad Countryman And His Descendants

One of the First White Settlers in Town of Minden. Was only a Boy When he Struck Out for Himself and Penetrated Savage Country. Founded Family and Ancestral Estate.

The following interesting article on the Countryman family contains important dates and family connections never before printed. They are the results of years of patient effort and we suggest the advisability of clipping the article for the family Bible or to those who keep a scrap book. The Countryman family is fortunate in its genealogy in that the line is unbroken to the original pioneer. The adventurous spirit of this first settler arouses admiration. A boy who dared leave the distasteful surrounding of the tar camp and strike out for himself has spirit. But when we consider the fact that the only alternative was to penetrate into unbroken forest and take up an abode with the savage Indians we have material for a real adventure tale. How eagerly would the youth of today grasp at the story as it only could be told. Whether Conrad mated with an Iroquois maiden or not is still a matter of tradition, but as to his adventurous spirit as a youth and his hard headed business ability as a man and head of his clan there can be no doubt. His line is one of the strong connecting links which binds the present to past and his progeny have fought in every war for the preservation of the liberty which he took unto himself as a boy in his teens.

Fort Plain, New York, November 28, 1927.

Dear Mr. MacWethy,

I am very much interested in an aticle appearing in your Enterprise and News of date November 23, 1927, which states that Conrad Countryman's wife was an Indian woman. Perhaps Prof. Countryman can furnish some kind of proof of this.

Tradition has it that this Countryman as a boy left West Camp and came to Schoharie and it is probable that he lived with the Indians at the same time that Conrad Weisner did, namely in 1713 and a little later. For many years Conrad C. and Conrad W. were closely connected in business matters and were about the same age and from the same Old Country. Conrad C. was born in Enzberg in 1698 or 1700 and Conrad W., Jr in Afsteadt in 1696, both places in Wurtemberg. Conrad W. was married to Anna Eva Braun in Schoharie, November 22, 1721, and Conrad C's first child Adam was born January 21, 1719. Boys didn't like the tar business in Livingston Manor any better than most [of] the men did.

The next trace that we find of Conrad, except church records, is that on October 2, 1727, Conrad Contreman, Hartman Windecker and Casper Leyp, petitioned for 2,000 a. which is now Dutchtown. The petition states that all were from Albany County. The patent was signed November 11, 1731. Fort Willet was built in 1780 or 81, on the first Countryman homestead which was in this patent, and the farm was owned by William Zimmerman when I first saw it in 1880. In 1780 three Countryman farms joined at this point which accounts for the jog there. [See map inside front cover of this book.]

In 1751 this same Conrad petitioned for the occupied lots in the Weiser patent of date April 2, 1725 of 1637 acres and obtained his patent therefor for 950 acres. April 23, 1752, which lands are now part of Hallsville and Brookmans Corners, town of Minden. Conrad never sold any of his land but gave all of it to his sons and daughters except what he might have kept for himself. He gave a 50 acre lot to his daughter Anna Rosina who was then the wife of John Pickard who later became a member of the Tryon County Committee of Safety and first quartermaster, and a 50 acre lot to his daughter Barbara who was then the wife of John Plank. These two lots comprise the present Pickard farm. The C.C. Patent includes what is now the farms of Robert Z. Smith, David J. Smith, part of Hall farm, Charles Kelly farm, Mrs. Anna Zoller farm, Seward Casler farm, Pickard farm, Howard Zoller farm, Mrs. Jennie Laning farm and parts of Rufus Wiles and Clarence Brookman farms.

The land that Abraham Conterman and Caty sold to John Brookman July 22, 1791, 126 acres was one half of big lot 8 in the Weiser Patent and was probably settled before 1752 and was not in the C.C. patent.

This Abraham Conterman was a mill wright and probably he built the "Old Brookman Mill" and also the first mill at Hallsville which is still running. In 1777 John Conterman sixth son of Conrad, owned this mill and in that same year sold the Conterman saw mill to Oathout but not the grist mill. It might be that John inherited these mill lands from his father, as Conrad died just a little before this date and is buried at Geiterberg or Guyten Bergh on land now owned by Harold Cronkhite in Hallsville. Isaac Pickard who married to Magdalena Countryman, daughter of Lieut. George C., youngest son of Conrad, February 5, 1793, owned this farm and mill for about fifty years and all of his nine or ten children were born on this farm and he sold it, 276 acres in 1836 to George F. Carey. All of this 950 acre patent was at one time occupied by the Contermans.

Conrad's father, Johan Fredrich Conterman, landed in this country on Nutter's Island June 13, 1710, with Rev. Josua Kochertahl's second and last emigration of about 3000 Palinnates. Kocherthal was the first Lutheran dominie in America. Johan Fredrich was his leading churchman in Entberg and held the same position here at West Kamp, called administrator, and he was about as good a preacher. This strong religious trait is easily traced in every generation of the Countrymans in this country and would make a chapter of distinction by itself.

In Governor Hunter's census of 1710–11 I find the follwoing entry: No. 38, John Fred Conterman, wife and three lads 15–11 and 9. Andreas Frantz was the name of the Eldest lad. I figure that the name of the second was John. Fred. and the third Conrad, but am not absolutely sure of the order yet.

Joh. Fred Conterman and his wife Maria Barbara had a daughter Anna Eva born at West Camp April 12, 1714 and a son Jacob born at the same place August 12, 1716. The eldest son Andreas Frantz was married to Sibylla Scharman September 9, 1715 and they lived across the river at New Town. The name of their first born was Elizabeth.

In the death record in the German Lutheran Church at West Kamp is this: "1717 Sept.16 Joh. Fred Conterman." This is in the hand writing of Rev. Kocherthal. Rev. Kocherthal died June 24, 1719 and —— are buried at West Kamp.

In the Communicant register of this church is this "1710,July 19 Sacra Coena Administrata Johan Fredrich Gunterman Ouondan Pontificus." "1713 Andreas Gunterman New Town."

I think this Prof. Countryman will find that Conrad had four daughters — Anna Eva, wife of William Dillenbeck; Anna Rosina, wife of John Pickard; Barbara, wife of John Plank; and Maria Margretha, wife of John Pletts or Pletz — besides the seven sons, Adam, Marks, Fredrich, Conrad, Jacob, John, and George.

submitted by Lauraine Horbak

A COMPANY OF CARPENTERS — 1779

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Nicholas Veeder, a master carpenter, was appointed captain of a company of about twenty-five carpenters, who were civilian members of the Continental Troops serving the United States of America during the Revolutionary War. They were employed at Saratoga and Fort George (New York City) in the building of barracks, bateaux, etc. Bateaux were light boats, usually with a flat bottom and tapering ends, and propelled by paddles, poles and sail. Bateaux were also the pontoons on floating bridges which were in use during the war.

This company, as well as other companies of artificers (artisians or workers, for example: blacksmiths, wheelwrights, harness makers, bakers, etc.), was employed by the army to provide necessary services to meet the needs of the troops in the field, and was under the direction of the Quartermaster General.

The following members of this company resided at Canajoharra, and were serving eighty miles from home (showing months served and pay per day): Adam Countreman (Feb. & Mar., 16 shillings); Conrat Countreman, Sr. (Feb. & Mar., 20 shillings); Conrat

Countreman, Jr. (Feb., 20 shillings); Frederick Countreman, (Feb., 16 shillings); John Countreman, (Feb. & Mar., 16 shillings); George House (Haus), (Feb. thru May, 16 shillings); Peter House (Haus), (Feb., 16 shillings); John Miller, (Feb., 16 shillings); George Nellis, (Feb., 16 shillings). (From Military Service Records of the Revolutionary War, M–881, Roll #148.)

Note: Pension records for Frederick Countryman, son of Conrad II and husband of Appolonia Haus, state that after his term of service with the regular army, "he entered into the Batteaux Service upon the Hudson River under the Command of Captain Leuellen (?) and continued in the last mentioned service for other nine months." This information was dictated by Frederick in 1821, so the discrepancies could have been a lapse of memory.

submitted by Lorraine Weick

DRUMS ALONG THE MOHAWK

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by Walter D. Edmons

Bantam Pathfinder Edition, 1963

This historical novel is well researched in history, as well as many of the family names portrayed in this frontier story. It is best described in a paragraph of a letter from cousin Jack Countryman of Winnepeg, Manitoba, Canada:

"I have just finished reading *Drums Along the Mohawk* and found it very impressive. As well as being an outstanding novel, it is even more of a classic to us since it illuminates so vividly the exact area and time that we are connected with. I bought 8 copies of the book and will send them to our Canadian relatives."

In reading this book, have your 1925 *Countryman Genealogy* handy, it will help to make the book even more impressive. For instance, we know Fort Willet (Lt. Col. Marinus Willet, pg. 132) was built on Countryman land, and realize the importance that these numerous strongholds played on this frontier, too far removed to expect much help from the Regular Militia. Also, in Chapter 3, "Oriskany, 1777," we find on page 122 a prayer by Rev. Rosencrantz, who was pastor of the Stone Arabia Church, where a number of Countrymans were members of his congregation (pg. 147, CG '25). Also on page 114, we found the name John Roof, who married Mary Countryman, third daughter of Nicholas, of John, Conrad 1st (pg. 261 CG '25). In 1950, quite by accident, we met Russell Roof, great-grandson of Mary (Countryman) Roof, in the town of Starkville, New York, and saw the family burial plot also.

Again in Chapter 3, part 7, "March," pg. 140, we find General Herkimer waiting for the Leyp and Diefendorf companies to show up. On page 174 we find 12 Countrymans listed in those two regiments.

John Roof is again mentioned (pg. 200) living with the Herkimers, on pg. 203 Johnny Roof is asked to bury the amputated leg of General Herkimer, and on pg. 260 part 6, "German Flats, 1777-1778," we find the name Windecker, a partner in the Windecker, Countryman and Leyp 2000 acre grant.

Finally on page 255, part 4, "Fairfield, 1777-1778," we find that the Destructives, Indians and Tories had destroyed the settlement of Fairfield. Among the Tories mentioned were Suffrenes, Casselmon and Countryman, Jacob (fifth son of Conrad 1st, pg. 92, CG '25).

An account of the Destructives is given on pages 115-116, CG '25.

Yes, in this novel they are fictitious characters; to us Countrymans they seem very real. Read the book and appreciate it as we did.

by Ardell Countryman

CIRCUT-RIDER JOHN SEYBERT

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Visits the Countrymans in New York

John Seybert (1791–1860) was born in Manheim, Pennsylvania, to Henry and Susan (Kreuzer) Seybert. His parents had become strict members of the pious, extremely plain and humble group of Christians known as the Schwenkfelders. At the age of 19 John became "converted deep into eternal life" after listening to an Evangelical Association preacher and struggling with his own sinfulness and conviction. Nine years later he became a circuit-riding preacher for the Association and continued until his death at age 68. He had been much admired for his severely humble sacrificial way of living, learned from his early training, and for his deep concern for spreading the Word and leading souls to Christ. In 1839 he was appointed a life-time bishop.

In the personal diary of his entire ministry, translated from the German, we find he often preached in New York. Buffalo, Erie County; Montgomery County; Southville, Stark Township, Herkimer County; and Fayette Township, Seneca County, are among the places he visited.

Following is a brief look into his entries:

Thursday, November 29, 1832. Our meeting was at Isaac Countrymans's where I preached from Titus 2:14,15. We had a blessed hour in testimony and prayer.

Friday, November 30, 1832. A sick man had requested me to have the meeting at his home. His name was John Russ. The older Countryman and I went on foot through rain over a hill and across fields covered with slick ice to that home, where I preached from Colossians 3:1-4, and we had a wonderful demonstration of the spirit accompanied with weeping and praising God. At night I preached at the home of an enlightened Lutheran named Peter Schumacher, from Job 19: 25-27, where a large measure of blessing came upon the congregation. Some fell unconscious backwards and sidewards to the floor while others shouted the praises of God. At the time it was difficult to travel, owing to rain, snow, ice, mud and cold weather.

Sunday, December 9, 1832. The service was at Geibitz' school where I preached . . . in the forenoon. And in the afternoon a Methodist minister . . . preached . . . in the same schoolhouse in English, and I exhorted after him. . . . The evening meeting was at the old John Countryman's when I spoke from Isaiah 9:6,7 with some difficulty; but in the prayer and testimony service which followed we had a happy time of weeping and shouting, some having entered deeply into the stream of God's love.

Friday, December 3, 1841. I traveled to Livingston county and preached at the widow Geiger's. . . .

Saturday, December 4, 1841. I preached at Fritz's. . . .

Sunday, December 5, 1841. I preached in a school house . . . J.M. Sindlinger exhorted.

. . . At Fritz's overnight.

Monday, December 6, 1841 I remained in that community, and stayed at Niederover's overnight.

Tuesday, December 7, 1841. I went to Hauert's and preached at Adam Countryman's from John 8:12. We had a quickening service.

Wednesday, December 8, 1841. I went farther south to John Waltis. . . .

Note: The Evangelical Association was later part of the Evangelical United Brethern denomination which joined the Methodist church in 1968 to become the United Methodist Church.

submitted by Lorraine Weick

BATTLE OF ORISKANY

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Monument at the Oriskany battlefield, located in the Mohawk Valley between Utica and Rome, New York.

Mohawk Valley, New York State

Records show that our German Palatine immigrant ancestors were at the scene of bloody Indian massacres in the Battle of Oriskany; those pioneers were our forefathers. In the Battle of Oriskany it was not uncommon for father and son to fight side by side. In several cases three generations were represented.

The Mohawk Valley, figuratively speaking, is flooded with deep, mysterious human interest. From the quiet graves of my four grandparents in Iowa to the world-famous battlefields of Stone Arabia, Klock's Field, and Oriskany, the whole territory is full of personal sentiment, significant traditions, and fascinating romance.

I can readily visualize the sturdy frontiersmen busy clearing the land for the farms that later become a granary for Washington's troops at Valley Forge. I can see a sly Indian with a raised tomahawk watching from behind a tree; or a group of such savages swooping down onto a village from a nearby hill. I can easily imagine the whole pageant of red-coated British troopers being met by General Herkimer's fighting farmers, and I feel like cheering when the farmers win. In this early period most of the Countrymans were farmers. The pioneer people like these German Palatines make up the "trunk-branches"of our family tree.

This book follows the generations from those lines that originally settled in the Canajoharie/Mohawk area of New York state back in 1709. In Bedford, Pennsylvania, year of 1786, HenryConterman changed the spelling to Countryman.

Herkimer at Oriskany

Wednesday, August 6, 1777 — it is hot and humid even in the early morning. Brigadier General Nicholas Herkimer, commander of the Tryon County Militia awaits three cannon shots from Fort Stanwix, (Rome, New York) 6 miles to the west. This will be the signal that his scouts have reached the fort and a detachment of soldiers is on the way to escort his militia safely into the fort.

The citizen army was composed of men from each of the scattered frontier settlements in Tryon County. In a July 19th proclamation, Herkimer solicited the aid of all able bodied men. " .. Whereas, it appears certain that the enemy of about 2,000 strong, Christians and savages, are arriving at Oswego with the intention to invade our frontiers . . . that every male person in health from 16 to 60 years of age . . . " report for "the just defense of their country."

About 48 years of age, Herkimer was born in the Mohawk Valley the son of German Palatines who with 92 others created the western settlement of New York in 1723. Nicholas, the oldest son in a family of five sons and eight daughters, served in the French and Indian War, and grew wealthy as a trader and landowner. His lovely home, finished in 1764, reflected his affluence and stature. As a member of the county's Committee on Safety, Nicholas was elected Colonel of the Militia when organized in 1775 and was appointed Brigadier General by the State Provincial Congress on September 5 1776.

At Fort Stanwix, 600 Continental soldiers augmented by 150 militia, stood between the larger invading army and homes of the militia. The British plan was to divide New York State, thus separating the 13 Colonies. British General Barry St.Leger led an army of regular soldiers, mercenaries, Loyalists and Indians. He expected to take Fort Stanwix easily before marching down the valley and recruiting more Loyalists. He then planned to join Generals Burgoyne and Howe in Albany.

The siege of Fort Stanwix began on August 2, 1777. Herkimer and 800 men left Fort Dayton (Herkimer, New York) on August 4. Word of Herkimer's approach prompted a plan by Mohawk Chief Joseph Brant and Sir John Johnson to stage an ambush by Indians and Loyalists in a ravine near Oriskany Creek.

At the early morning staff meeting on the 6th, Herkimer's decision to await the fort's signal is challenged: Officers insist the men are ready to march NOW. Herkimer reluctantly gives the order to advance. The ambush works. Many militia are hit on the first volley. Herkimer, wounded, is carried to a higher elevation to direct his men. This is the scene which Frederick Yohn paints in 1904 and Bradbary Thompson of Riverside Connecticut, designs into a semi-jumbo size commemorative stamp issued at Herkimer, New York on August 6, 1977.

Before the six-hour battle ended, with both sides leaving the field, almost 500 militia men were killed, wounded, or captured. Herkimer died August 17, following amputation of his wounded leg, never knowing St. Leger would turn back on August 22.

submitted by Donald P. Countryman

THE CONDERMAN PLEASURE WHEEL

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Jay Gould, of Caleb, of Adam J., of John Adam, of Adam, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Jay Gould Conderman was born in Steuben County, New York, in 1859 (see *Countryman Genealogy*, 1925, page 247). He learned part of the wagon and carriage trade, then the manufacturing of shingles, the lumber business, and finally the making of wire jewelry. In 1900 he presented the first transportable Ferris-type pleasure wheel, and traveled extensively to many fairs and carnivals. He and his brother Wilbur Ray manufactured the wheels at Hornell, New York, and sold them throughout the world until 1908, when they felt the carnival business was becoming non-respectable.

"The wheel had a diameter of thirty-five feet and was constructed of metal tubing. Twelve buggy-like carriages seated two passengers each. It was rotated by gasoline-engine power through a wire cable, and it was designed to be easily moved from place to place. One of the brothers, J.G. Conderman, obtained a patent on this type of pleasure wheel on March 12, 1901, specifying twenty-one claims, some of which embodied basic designs of pleasure wheels which could not be legally supported, in view of the centuries-old principle involved. Conderman instituted

This photo appeared in a newspaper in 1901 in the Elgin, Illinois, area. "Their Musical Ride — Conderman's Ferris Wheel on DuPage Street drew many a person for a ride. In this case, one of the many local bands at the carnival decided to combine the two — playing music as they went round and round."

patent infringement suits against other wheel builders, including Newton M. Johnson, James H. Clermont, and W.E. Sullivan. A court decision, in 1904, held that the basic principle of rotary swings was of ancient origin and therefore could not be patented. However, it was pointed out that improved details of construction may be patented . . ." (from *The Outdoor Amusement Industry, From Earliest Times to the Present*, Mangels, Vantage Press, Inc., 1952, Chapter 10.)

A carnival was held in Elgin, Kane County, Illinois, the last week of September 1901, to celebrate turning on the newly installed electric street lights in the downtown area. Conderman's "Ferris Wheel" was a big attraction. One of the many bands present decided to play music as the riders "went round and round."

submitted by Lorraine Weick

A PIONEER'S TRIP ACROSS THE PLAINS

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as told by Andrew J. Countryman (1846-1927)

In the year of 1860 my father and eldest brother, having disposed of their lands, grist mill and saw mill located on the Volga river a few miles below Fayette, Fayette county, Iowa, made preparation to cross the plains in the early spring of 1861 for California in quest of gold, having then living in California two brothers, Alex and Eli, who crossed the plains in '52.

Our family consisted of father and mother and six of us boys. Our train was composed of two wagons drawn by horses and two wagons drawn by oxen. Horace, my eldest brother, had two wagons of horses and oxen, and there were three others who joined us — eight wagons in all. Wasn't that a large train to think of crossing a wilderness infested by wild Indians?

Well, in the early spring of 1861, we left Fayette and started on our western trip to the gold fields of California, and I was highly delighted. Our teams being fresh, we soon reached Council Bluffs, near which place we ferried the "Big Muddy" and swam oxen and cows over to a little burg of about ten houses, now called Omaha. Here Uncle Sam was drumming for volunteers — the commencement of the civil war. Then I thought it would be nicer for me to join than to be driving cows behind a train of "prairie schooners." But I thought of the lumps of gold and changed my mind. Our trail led up the north side of the North Platte river. My eldest brother, Horace, was chosen captain of the train, as he had previously crossed in '52, and he made a good captain.

There were other trains crossing that year, one a high-toned train called the "Milwaukee" of Wisconsin. This train consisted throughout of coaches and buggies and yet they didn't travel any faster than we. Sometimes they were a little ahead and then again behind us.

I well remember the first band of painted warriors coming toward us on their flying mounts equipped with long lances, bows and arrows and tomahawks. There were about 50 of them in the band. They passed our train on each side without molesting us only to close in on the Milwaukee a short distance back. Our Captain immediately ordered a "semi" of our train. The Indians demanded something to eat and after their request had been complied with, the train was allowed to continue, and our train then pulled itself out of its kink into a straight line of marching. This occured in longitude 98 W. and between 40 and 41 latitude, Nebraska.

The next day about noon we caught up with a lone schooner, the man driving two yoke of oxen. He said his name was Stanley and the occupant of the wagon was a lonely looking woman. Of this man Stanley we will write more later on. However, he tried hard to join our train and also tried the Milwaukee, but didn't succeed.

We camped that evening near Grand Island, not the city of Grand Island, for there was no city there then. It was a large, long island in the Platte where the Indians and some white thieves had stampeded migrants' stock and run them over and hid them, the Platte being a very treacherous stream. If one stood still but a moment the quicksand would swallow him up. We were still among the Sioux Indians and we had seen some on the trail. (I use the word "trail" for in fact there was no road.) We lay in camp to wash, cook and rest up a little. Our fuel mostly consisted of "buffalo chips". We would find them in the form of huge flap-jacks. It is surprising the amount of heat they contain. But let me tell you that I have seen my good old mother bake many a good batch of bread with them.

It seemed to me to be a long time before we reached the sand hills lying in latitude 42, longitude 102. Here we made a stop of several days. The Milwaukee train was in camp and the lone schooner in camp also further down the river. It was here that Stanley tried to get one of the Milwaukee men to join him in robbing emigrants crossing the plains, but the man flatly refused, and during a somewhat heated conversation, Stanley whipped out a revolver and commenced to shoot, luckily missing, and a long-whiskered man standing behind picked up a stone and threw it at Stanley, hitting him on the elbow, which settled the shooting. But Stanley swore he would kill him before they reached Salt Lake.

Our next move was up through the sand hills. It was quite laborious traveling and we did one day make three miles and went into camp. After a few days travel we emerged from Nebraska into a more rugged country called Wyoming and among the Shoshones. Here we picked up a shoshone spy and made him travel with us for several days, after which he was given his discharge papers, thinking that perhaps we had defeated his plans and purposes. After many days travel we reached Laramie Mountains — Laramie, the Rattle-snake, the Green and the Ferris ranges are a part of the Rocky Mountain system — and this was a very dangerous country to travel through. Through this part we kept an advance guard out, and I served as rear guard, fetching along the cows. Of course, we had to keep a sharp lookout, and I actually saw one of the men feeling the back of his head — I suppose to ascertain if his scalp was still in place.

A "scrap" between Stanley and Brother Den, one pleasant afternoon broke the monotony somewhat at one stop. Den and I were in a dense thicket of chapparal gathering and eating sarvis berris, when in popped Stanley and accused Den of being the chap who prevented him from joining our train. Of course, they spoke a few words, which I can't just recall — however, they were big words. Stanley made a desperate dive, and in some way Den's foot became entangled in the chaparral and he fell backward with Stanley on top. Den was in a sitting position with his left arm clinched around Stanely's neck and with his right fist churning him in the short ribs. At the same time Stanley had a mouthful of Den's left side between his teeth. At this juncture a strange woman appeared upon the scene, and acting her part in the little drama, clinched both hands in Den's hair and desperately pulled backward. All this time I had stood there an interested spectator, but I now thought it time for me to interfere. I stepped forward and unclinched the woman's hands, when Stanley began to beg off. By this time both had regained their feet, but Stanley wasn't quite satisfied and he made another lunge. Den sent out his left with a hook on it which turned Stanley partly around like a top. Three times did my brother deal him the same medicine ere Stanley was ready to throw up the sponge. In the dusk of the evening we heard Stanley shooting down the river at his camp, and our captain demanded the reason for it. Stanley replied that he was shooting at some object in the river.

As I previously stated the Laramies are a part of the Rockies and a spur of the Big Horn, extending southward. This country seemed to be overstocked with droves of antelope and black-tailed deer, but strange to say, we had not yet seen a wild buffalo. So numerous were the antelope and deer that the boys suggested that they shoot off a few of the animals to save the grass for our stock. This was a very rough and broken country — if you have any doubts, just travel through there and see for yourselves. There were places that we had to tie ropes to the wagons and men take hold to keep the wagons from upsetting.

We had now traveled nearly to the headwaters of the North Platte river, and dropped off on a stream called the Sweetwater, the water of which was most excellent, as it had its source in the Wind River mountains. These mountains, lying to the northwest of our trail, looked most magnificient. Their splendor is beyond the attempt of the pen to describe. We traveled in plain view of them for a long time.

There were several bands of roving Indians around this place and we thought they might attack us during the night, so we had double guards on duty, and it really looked like soldiering. As good fortune had it the scalp raising was postponed for some other time. Had the Indians attacked us we supposed Stanley stood ready to help the Indians.

The next two days travel brought us to Independent Rock, a gigantic rock. It stood by itself, hence the name. We camped several days near, so we had ample time to explore it. There were open porch like ledges that run nearly around its base, and it was amusing to crawl upon them and walk around and read the names of emigrants written thereon — emigrants who had preceded us. There was one name written with red paint and we thought he must have brought it along or borrowed it from the redskins. We feel incapable of giving the great rock adequate description so will pass on.

We were traveling up the Sweetwater and we had learned that on the other side of the Rockies, at South Pass, there was a trading post and a black-smith shop. So when we reached there we concluded to have our horses and oxen shod, as some were getting quite lame. We camped one evening at "Devil's Gate." The lay of the country above the Gate for miles around lay in a low sunken shape, which was ample proof that a large inland lake once had existed there until the waters of the Sweet-water had been, probably for ages — no one knows how long — cutting through the solid mass of stone, leaving a high wall on each side. The rock on one side projected nearly over, so that it almost appeared one could jump across the chasm had he the sand to undertake it.

At the end of the next day's travel we came to Gravely Ford, where we found the Milwaukee in camp. We crossed the ford and camped, and I well remember that we were enjoying our supper when we looked across and saw the lone schooner coming. Evidently Stanley's intention was to cross the ford, but he never reached the other side. A bullet from the gun of the man Stanley swore he would kill ere they reached Salt Lake prevented him from crossing and he lay on the sand a corpse. They dug a rude grave and put him in without any ceremony. Someone found an old wagon tire and bent it over the grave to mark the spot. Thus ended the career of Stanley.

P.S. — This was not Stanley, the famous explorer in Africa.

At last we arrived at South Pass City. You see I added the word "city" for so it reads on the map, but I failed to see the city. However, I concluded to see something of the "city" which consisted of a trading post and about eight Indian tepees. The boss of the post was

a Frenchman and his wife a Shoshone squaw. While our men were getting the stock shod I concluded to go into a large tepee and take a look at some of the "pretty" Indian girls, who were half French and the rest Shoshone. (Here you will probably venture to laugh, but let me tell you that I have seen lots of good-looking Indian girls.) Well, I started to enter the large tepee, only to be met by a fierce looking Indian who flourished an ugly looking knife at me — and he did look daggers at me. Well, to cut a long story short, I didn't go in.

We left South Pass City and I for one was glad to get out. We took down a small tributary of the Big Sandy and camped at the Hot Springs — and they are sure another strange freak of nature. Underneath the ground they are hollow or like a drum. There are lots of these springs, some small and some large, and the temperature ranging from luke-warm to boiling, and in one of them my mother cooked a small kettle of rice. In one large spring we found a heavy wagon and some heavy cable chains, and through the clear water the wagon looked to be nearly new. We were now through the Rockies and yet the country was high. Having become tired and worn out prodding the cows along behind the train and sat down to rest a moment, when I went to sleep and slept like a log. I can't remember how long I was there for I had fallen over and was in the Land of Nod when someone roughly shook me. I opened my eyes expecting to see a Redskin or some ferocious animal, only to discover one of my brothers, who came back to persuade me to continue my journey. When I caught up with the train mother tried to scare me by asking if I had seen that dead man lying yonder in the brush. I said no, did you? She didn't answer my question and I remarked, "they that know little, fear least".

At last we came to the Big Sandy and followed it down to where it flowed into Green river and camped. After crossing Green river we came to a stream called Wood river and camped in a horseshoe bend, our horses being picketed near the banks of the stream. My mother, who was ever on the alert, spied some prowling Indians in the willows up stream, and early in the evening we heard a number of whistles coming from that direction. It sounded like the old-fashioned whistles we used to make from willows when we were boys. My brother Horace had one horse he called "Old Abe." He was a "Racker" and the most miserable swimmer I ever saw. Well, soon there came a stone splashing in the water, followed by a half dozen more, which proved too much for our horses. They sprung their pickets and flew down the stream, all but Old Abe whose picket rope was grabbed by my brother as the horse went by, thereby saving one animal. My brother Den was also on guard that night. My two brothers mounted Old Abe started down the river in pursuit of the horses. It was a very dark night and Old Abe would whinny nearly every jump he took. About two miles down the stream the other horses answered him, so they succeeded in getting them and returned to camp. The cattle were so worn out and foot sore they did not stampede.

The next two days put us in the extreme southwest corner of Wyoming, where we camped on a little stream that was nameless. Here we found the Milwaukee train in camp, and we learned that the officers of that country had our old friend of the long whiskers whom we spoke of while in the Laramie mountains. They had him arraigned for trial for throwing the stone at Stanley. Well, it was a magnificient court house — four posts set in the ground and covered with green boughs. One could see out plainly from all sides, and occasionally up through the top, which made it rather unique. There was a bar made of plank running nearly through the center which served as a partition,making two rooms — I judged one was for high court and the other for low court. Well, they had the old man in "low" court and we witnessed the trial.

The trial had somewhat a dragging aspect until a tall, dark looking chap with a long gash mark running down each side of his lantern-jawed face stepped forward with an ugly looking gun in his hand and tapping the old man on the head with the end of it said, "By G— old man, you come with me. I will walk through h— with you," not a soul chirped. It is needless to say that the old man was somewhat frightened. However, he got over that when his newly made friend escorted him up to his train. There they serenaded till after midnight. Here the Milwaukee took a northern trail and it was the last we saw of them.

We weren't now very far from civilization — Salt Lake City and the Mormons. We soon got into Utah and drove through the great Echo Canyon. This sure is another big freak of nature — high perpendicular walls on each side and a little trickling brooklet which bubbled through the entire length where there was, it appeared, scarcely room for it. Many times our train would go splashing down its bed until we could find land on one side on which to travel.

There were deep trenches dug across from the walls to the stream, fort-like structures made in the walls, and breastwork of stone thrown up on top of the walls some two hundred feet. Who did this? Why, the Mormons. They entrapped a body of U. S. Soldiers in there and almost annihilated them. Uncle Sam was going to teach the Mormons a little, but he found out that the Mormons already knew something.

After leaving the canyon we took down the Jordan river, and I thought we must be quite close to the Good Place, for does not the Good Book say it is "close by"? We soon arrived in Salt Lake City. From there we went to Ogden and then to Willard City.

At the latter place we stayed nearly two weeks and when we left there we were loath to leave our newly made friends. But we were thankful that we were still wearing our scalps.

One day we drove to the lake and scooped up some nice coarse salt, some of which we took along with us. The Mormons all seemed to be jubilant and happy. I got to be well acquainted with one by the name of John Osterhous and he and I grew to be quite chums. I suppose he thought that I would soon become a full-fledged Mormon. After we reached our destination we corresponded with each other. . . .

We left Willard City and pulled around the north end of the lake to where Bear River empties in. Here we swam our stock across and ferried our wagons over on a very crude ferry boat. It wasn't very long until we were in the Wild Goose mountains — a desert range of the Great American desert — and through this part the drinking water was very bad. We had to split large prickly pears and throw them into pails of muddy water, then in ten minutes the water would be clear and more fit for drinking.

Through this sandy desert country were great holes blown in the sand so large one could almost hide a prairie schooner. There was not a spear of grass to be seen. The wagons would dive in and out of these great holes and observing them I learned why a covered wagon was called a prairie schooner. They represented ships rising and falling on a rough sea.

After many days traveling we passed through the Utah Teritory into Nevada. We had to take along with us, water from Bear river for our stock and to drink until we reached the headwaters of the Humboldt, and oh, that was another sample of the "Big Muddy" in springtime.

Many times we spat "cobwebs" and longed for a good drink of water. We reached East Humboldt mountains and made a halt, or laid over a day. Some of the boys went hunting and came back empty, and with empty stomachs also, for there was nothing living in those parts. Even the Indians had deserted it.

Again we were jogging down the Humboldt river and finally reached Independence Mountains and made another stop. But oh, I would readily have given all I possessed, and that wasn't much, for a drink of good old Iowa water.

Again we pulled tent pins and resumed our onward march. We soon began to meet roving bands of Indians. I believe they called themselves Winnemucas, but I think they were Piutes. However, I christened one on the Humboldt as such. He was trying to throw my little nephew into the river, but I gave him one on his red pate that caused him to meassure his length in the water. But oh, he was awful mad at me. At last we reached the West Humboldt mountains. Here we concluded to make another stop — and we were still longing for that good old Iowa drink.

Up came the tent pins again and we started down stream, finally reaching Humboldt Lake. From Humboldt Lake a desert extended to the Truckee river — and again we were compelled to haul water along for the stock. We traveled over the little desert and reached the Truckee river, when I rushed headlong down the bank, stretched myself out and proceeded to satisfy that terrible thirst. I felt like shouting Eureka, I sure had found it — the lovliest water I ever drank, coming down from the ever snow-capped Sierras, clear as crystal and nearly as cold as ice.

We followed up the river into the foothills of the Sierra Nevadas and then into a heavy timbered country of white pine and fir, where we struck good graded roads. We camped on a dividing range with Florris City to the south and Doniville on the north, both cities being located in a gulch or narrow valley.

Both cities were visible to us from our camp. Here, in one of the prairie schooners, was born a daughter to our captain and his wife. Doniville was located on the Yuba river and the miners had a song which run like this:

I remember, I remember,
When the Yuba used to pay,
With nothing but a rocker,
Five hundred dollars a day.

It must have paid for it was lined with miners on each side, who were engaged in mining, and the mountain on each side was dug and washed away to the extent of half a

mile and the water, so thick with mud that it was difficult for it to run down its bed.

The next day's travel I was relieved driving the cows and I placed myself on the front guard, where I pressed forward with lengthy strides. I had advanced a long distance ahead of the train hoping to be the first to meet at least one of our brothers who might be coming to meet us. From around the corner of the montain came the sound of *hong-kong-kollo-o.* I scanned the horizon to see if I could see a flock of geese, but no geese. There was a sharp turn in the road and all of a sudden I was standing face to face with about twenty or thirty [men] . . . who had a pole across their shoulders on one end of which was fastened a tea box and on the other end a box of rice, and with long snaky tails hanging down their backs with the ends trailing behind in the road. For a moment I looked at them in consternation, then I thought there wasn't many moments to spare and I changed to reverse and beat it back to the train. When I told my brother Horace, what I had seen he only laughed, and I must acknowledge that it didn't stop there — the laugh I mean — for it seemed to be very contagious and soon the whole train was laughing. I climbed into one of the schooners and let them laugh. It was the first bunch of Chinamen I ever saw. . . .

In November we reached Dry Creek, our destination, and we had been nearly eight months on our overland trip. I was anxious to get hold of a pick and get into some canyon and pry out some of the yellow metal called gold. But you know how one feels when they are sadly disappointed.

I didn't see any nuggets lying around on the ground.

We had accomplished the journey without losing a single scalp but had we written up the terrible encounter with the "red devils" and the hairbreadth escapes running the Indian gauntlet, no doubt this narrative would have been more interesting, but we forebore, as we never deviate from the truth.

The winter of sixty-one was a most severe one. At least old settlers said they never saw the like, and hay sold for forty and fifty dollars a ton. And that was hard on "father's pocketbook," for he had to buy hay for all our cattle and horses. Barley was the main feed and we fed a lot of that.

In the late fall of '61 my brother George died. Early the next spring brother John died and brother Lewis lost several of his children. These were sad times. The doctors we had were from Marysville, and so high were the floods that they had to swim some of the streams. This was in the spring of '62 when all the valleys in California were flooded.

Then we pulled back into Nevada, locating at Washoe City. My father and three brothers were engaged in building a 40-stamp mill, while Den and I were teaming with four yoke of oxen. We would haul four or five thousand feet of lumber and large square timbers from Galena, just above Washoe, to Virginia City and load back with quartz and make our twenty dollars a day.

Times seemed to flourish until some parties got to "shooting up the town." One fellow dressed in buckskin came down from Galena and I saw him shoot the editor of the *Washoe Times.* He was sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary. He tried to get the editor to publish a poem entitled, "How I Come to Get My Wife." The murder caused an uprising in town and we were all ready to pull on the rope of the buckskin man, who said he formerly hailed from Des Moines, Iowa, and the saloon man, who shot and killed his fifth person. This didn't seem to cause any commotion in town, but everyone had his revolver handy within easy reach. This was boasting a little for our Washoe of about twenty houses . . . the other lying outside the city limits.

The mill being completed, my father and three brothers contracted and built another at Steamboat Springs — about six miles from Washoe — but we still resided in Washoe. After the completion of that mill we all moved to the Truckee river. This was the healthiest and nicest climate I ever lived in, but there were times when the wind would blow incessantly for days. I was here engaged with others in sectionizing that part of Nevada and running the state line of California. During this time father and three of my brothers preempted a lot of government land all in a body lying on the north side of the Truckee. The Central Pacific railroad was surveying down the river, just barely missing our house. Of course, we thought it would take years to run a railroad across the plains, but in two years this land was worth five hundred dollars an acre — but we didn't own it then. The city of Reno was located on this land. It was hard luck for us when we left there in the fall of 1866. If we only had stayed there two years longer we would have been rich. But it wasn't for us to scoop in that great stake, but for others. Well, it probably was for the best, for you know how set-up and overbearing some people are when they have much money.

Our voyage in the Pacific was a lovely and enjoyable one. Mail steamship liner called the *Golden City.* It was a fine ship four hundred feet long, with a hurricane deck extending over the sides about eight feet, and when eight or more people would get on one side she would lop over and the mates would come along and tell us to "trim ship". We would slip to the other side, then she would begin to lop that way. Nevertheless, she was a fine ship but not suited for rough seas.

Our voyage in the Pacific was a lovely and enjoyable one. The waters were as calm as a maiden's breast. After leaving Frisco we touched at Manzanillo and then at Acapulco. At this harbor lay a French iron-clad man-of-war and a U.S. iron-clad watching each other. As we were leaving port our captain stepped aft and commenced to dip the U.S. flag, but the French captain did not return the salute which caused our captain to get quite angry. He ordered our ship to stop. The French captain seeing this, stepped up on deck and honored Old Glory by dipping his flag.

We had a little brass cannon mounted aft on deck and I suppose if the French didn't honor our flag our captain would have turned it loose and sent a shot through the iron-clad. Nevertheless, we had good backing for there lay our man-of-war.

This was the year that Maxi-milian set up his monarchy in Mexico, which was in open defiance to the Monroe doctrine. Consequently, at the close of the civil war, in 1867 Sheridan with 50,000 veteran troops slipped into Mexico and captured and shot Maximilian and three others.

Soon our ship anchored far out in Panama's bay. The tide being out, we were unable to reach the pier and were landed by a small steamer. It was so hot at Panama that should one spit on the hurricane deck it would nearly fry, the sun being nearly directly over one's head.

There was a railroad that ran from Panama to Aspinwall on the Atlantic side. I believe the distance was 44 miles. The Panama canal now runs nearly parrallel with the railroad. It was the most serpentine road I ever rode over. There was a large locomotive pushing behind and sometimes both engines would be so close to each other that the engineers would converse back and forth. The engine behind pushed us up to the highest point and then reversed and ran back to Panama. Our train coasted down to Aspinwall without using much steam.

At Aspinwall we found the *Ocean Queen* at her moorings preparing for a trip up the Atlantic coast to New York, but it would not receive any passengers until two o'clock that night, so we had ample time to see the city. Well, there wasn't much to see — only a lot of Jamaica negroes, for they constituted the chief population of the city. At 2 o'clock in the evening we boarded the *Queen* for New York City. After getting up in the morning I went up on the hurricane deck and saw the Island of Jamaica far ahead. Across the Carribean Sea was a very rough passage — so much so that it was at times impossible for one to keep on their feet. When the "Old Queen" would try to raise her bow to ride one of those mountainous waves, and not succeeding, she would plunge through, then there would be a scattering of the steerage passengers.

Jamaica island had been in sight ahead all day but in the morning I could see no land. During the night we had passed between Haita and Cuba. Then we sailed into New York harbor and from there took the "Lightning Express" to Cedar Rapids.

And now at this time of writing there are but two of the family still alive — Dennis Countryman and your humble servant — A.J. Countryman.

by A.J. Countryman, Moville, Iowa

A VISIT TO POINTS OF INTEREST

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In the fore part of August 1950, my wife Grace and I, together with our two children, Adair and Sally, journeyed westward to follow the old Oregon Trail.

Among our possessions at that time were Grandfather's story ["A Pioneer's Trip Across the Plains"] and the old family genealogy. The fore part of the trip was spent in visiting points of interest farther north, such as the Black Hills, Big Horns, etc. Then as we were approaching Casper, Wyoming, our eyes fell upon a point of interest along the road, Hell's Half Acre. At this point we made the acquaintance of A.L. Mokeler. He was an authority on the Oregon Trail and pointed it out on the map . . . where we could pick it up and some of the points of interest along the way.

We drove on to Casper, where a visit to the Chamber of Commerce proved to be further help in our quest for information regarding the trail. First on our list to visit was

Independence Rock, which is about 55 miles southwest of Casper. It is as Grandfather spoke of it, and is still considered as one of the old Oregon Trail landmarks.

Another seven or eight miles farther on found us at Devil's Gate — just seven or eight minutes to drive it. You will note the narrator tells it took a day to travel this distance by covered wagon. Here at Devil's Gate we visited at the Tom Sun ranch, where a fine private museum was offered for our inspection. This visit together with info that a family of Countrymans lived along the Oregon Trail at a point some 50 miles farther west, fired us with fresh enthusiasm, and we were on our way.

At Split Rock, some 25 or 30 miles west, we made the acquaintance of another early settler in that vicinity, Mr. Jim McIntasch. This fine elderly gentleman graciously consented to guide us to a point where the old trail could still be clearly seen. About a mile north of the highway we found the trail where it had been cut into a small knoll of limestone. Four or five pairs of wheel tracks, each worn eight to ten inches deep, marked this small hill along the Sweetwater river. Each time as the ruts became too deep, it was moved over.

The trail was selected which was in use at the time Grandfather crossed the prairie and a motion picture was made of Adair and Sally as they each walked up a track over the trail which their great-grandfather had trudged some 89 years earlier.

That evening we made the acquaintance of the family of Countrymans living at Sweetwater Crossing. Two families operated this ranch of around 2,000 acres along the Sweetwater river. This acreage was used mainly for winter pasture and hay land, the summer grazing being done on a large tract of land rented from the government.

The next forenoon found us in the hay fields, where the winter's hay supply was being gathered. Here another link in the story was completed. While the men were discussing the various routes over which the hay machinery could be taken back to the building, I overhead one mention Gravelly Ford. Upon questioning him further about that spot, I found that it was a place along the river where the old Oregon Trail crossed. This, then, must have been the place Grandfather spoke of when he told of the shooting in which Stanley was killed.

Grandfather and his family were camped that evening on what in 1950 was a pasture near the ranch buildings belonging to this family of Countrymans. And so, quite by accident we located Gravelly Ford.

Francis and Kathleen, who were our hosts at a delicious noon day meal, spent several hours that afternoon showing us about the ranch. About mid-afternoon we said goodbye to this fine couple and started our trip homeward, very much satisfied with what we had seen and learned. We enjoyed the fellowship of all we visited with, and especially appreciate the time and effort of those who assisted and guided us in accomplishing our mission.

submitted by Ardell Countryman

CATTLE KATE

G10

John and Ardell Countryman at the gate of John's Wyoming ranch.

Fort Washakie revisited — the old bunkhouse is all that's left of the fort.

John Countryman at the Fort Washakie bunkhouse where his brother "Hoot" lived when he was first married.

John Countryman, youngest son of Mark Ward Countryman, at the old corrals, Fort Washakie, Wyoming.

One evening as I chanced to gaze,
'Mid twinkling stars on high,
This mirage picture I did see,
Reflected in the sky.
A herd of long horned cattle
Close by a crystal lake,
Two forms near a camp fire
Of their dinner did partake.
One was the phantom rider
Smiling o'er an old tin plate
At his fair gray-eyed companion,
She, the bonny Cattle Kate.

A wealth of nut brown tresses
Above an oval brow,
Her dark green riding habit—
And it seems I see them now.
Unlike the phantom rider,
She did not ride astride,
But, like the women of that day,
Her saddle was a-side.
And then the picture faded,
The hour was not late,
First of the phantom rider,
Then the happy Cattle Kate.

Before this mirage picture
I had met her on the trail
Where she'd bought a herd of cattle
That was offered up for sale.
She trailed them to her ranch home
And before the brands were well
A band of white capped riders came,
The rest is sad to tell.
They took her from her ranch home,
They also bound her mate,
Then they hanged big Jimmy Averill
And the fearless Cattle Kate.

No fat beef herd swelled her account,
Her cattle dreams were vain,
The phantom rider, too, has gone
To ride that distant range.
No more the old time round-ups
With cowboys, young and gay,
When chaps and spurs, the lariat,
And six guns ruled the day.
The years roll on, they come and go
Since vigilantes did take
The law into their horney hands
In the land of Cattle Kate.

The town of Bothwell is no more—
It simply disappeared.
Somehow it vanished from the range—
'Twas lost among the years.
While Independence Rock close by
Is touched so light by time,
That names appear, some most as clear,
As in the days of forty-nine.
Since then this desert register
Bears many a name and date
And in a little sheltered nook,
The brand of Cattle Kate.

The hills she loved remain the same,
The trails, the whispering sage,
But what a change the years have wrought
Since those old cattle days.
The long-horned cattle they have gone
Where now the Herefords graze,
Dry farmers, too, they have appeared
Since those old round-up ways.
The old stage coach no more is seen,
Or station at the Gate.
Now autos they go gliding through
The land of Cattle Kate.

The years have passed away since then,
I've searched the skies in vain,
No mirage picture have I seen
Of Cattle Kate again.
The ranch home where she once did dwell
Is wrecked beneath the waves
Of man-built lake that washes now
Above her lowly grave.

The deep Pathfinder reservoir,
Below the Devil's Gate,
In silence guards the resting place
O' little Cattle Kate.

excerpted from
Echos of the Old West
by Mark Ward Countryman

Family Histories

Four brothers married four sisters. Seated near table: Elizabeth Wagner and Norman Countryman, married 12-21-1854. Standing left: John E. Countryman and Rose L. Wagner, married 1-11-1865. Standing center: Alvin Countryman and Jennie E. Wagner, married 2-11-1863. Far right: Harvey Countryman and Laura Wagner, married 2-13-1861. *Photo courtesy of Marjorie (Countryman) Guthrie.*

THE EARLY FAMILIES

F1

This is just one of many stories about the earliest Countrymans in America that were submitted for this book by various family members. The rest appear in alphabetical order in this Family History Section, using the various early spellings of the Countryman name.

Coming to America in 1709, the early Countrymans must have encountered a wondrous new land, both awe-inspiring and intimidating at the same time. The unbroken forests, the harsh winters of Ulster County, New York, the trials and tragedies of everyday life provided a rigorous test for these early settlers.

Few records remain today to tell of these first immigrants. Earlier research published in the *Countryman Genealogy* in 1925 identifies Johann Friedrich and his three sons Andrew (Andreus Frantz), Conrad (Conradt), and Henry as the first Countrymans to come to America. *The Book of Names*, compiled by Lou D. MacWethy, published by Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, Maryland, 1981, provides additional information by naming the wife of Johann as Marie Barbara and showing baptisms from the records of Rev. Kocherthal for two additional children, Anna Eva, born 12 April 1714, and Jacob, born 12 August 1716. Johann Friderich Contermann's death on the 16 September 1717 at West Camp, Ulster Country, New York, appears in the records of Rev. J. Christian Krahmer, also contained in *The Book of Names*. The marriage of Andreas Frantz Contermann to Sibylla Scharrmann on 19 September 1715 is recorded there also. A portion of this marriage record indicates that Andreus Frantz was from Entzberg, Commune Maulbronn, Duchy Weurtemberg, Germany.

We believe Andreus was probably the oldest son of Johann Friedrich, born about 1695, followed by Conradt, born about 1698, and Henry, born about 1700, all in Germany, followed by at least two additional children born in New York, Anna Eva, born 1714, and Jacob, born 1716. There may also have been another son, Friedrich, although documentation has not yet been located to confirm this.

From this immigrant ancestor, the family grew and spread throughout this country and Canada, and probably throughout the world, in the next 275 years.

by Kay Rhodes

The J.A. Albertson family. Photo taken at Modesto, California, November 28, 1945. J.A. Albertson is in the center of the back row. To his left is Warren, to his right is Roy. Middle row: Kathryn (Countryman) Albertson and Warren's wife, Maude. In front is Roy and Viola's son, Donald.

ALBERTSON, J.A. & KATHRYN (COUNTRYMAN)

F2

Kathryn, of Alexander, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Friedrich.

Kathryn, daughter of Alexander and Catherine (Fitzpatrick) Countryman, was born at Carson City, Nevada, on July 12, 1871. She married J.A. Albertson in the village of Stillwater, now Columbus, Montana.

They homesteaded on the upper Stillwater, where they raised cattle and opened a coal mine. Next, they moved to Columbus and operated a livery stable. Their next move was to Roundup, Montana, where he was a partner with Kathryn's brother, Alexander Countryman, Jr., in a general merchandise business.

In about 1922, they moved to Modesto, California. Albert, born in Iowa in 1865, died in Modesto October 19, 1951. Kathryn died at 99 years of age in 1970 at Modesto, California.

The Albertsons had two sons, Warren, born December 13, 1899, at Columbus, and Roy, born December 1, 1903, also at Columbus. Both managed retail establishments in California. Warren, now deceased, had no offspring. Roy, now living in Modesto, had one son, Donald, who passed away at 30 years of age in 1967 at Yakima, Washington.

by Roy Countryman

ALCOCK - IMRIE

F3

Marcia, great-granddaughter of John Ervin Countryman.

Marcia Louise Alcock was born November 27, 1939, in Rochelle, Illinois. She went to several different grade schools. She attended junior and high school in Aurora, Colorado, graduating in 1958. After graduation, she attended Colorado State College for one year.

September 5, 1959, Marcia married James

Allan Imrie. Jim was born in Ottumwa, Iowa, January 3, 1939. Jim graduated from Aurora High School in 1956. He attended and graduated from Colorado School of Mines in 1963. After graduation, Jim spent two years in the army as a second lieutenant. They were stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, for his tour of duty. After the army, they moved a few times until Jim started his own business in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1971. They still reside in St. Louis.

Marcia and Jim have three sons. Ted Allan was born September 10, 1960; Douglas Scott was born March 25, 1964; and Steven Lloyd was born August 10, 1968. Ted lives and works in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Doug is a student at the University of Missouri-Rolla and Steve is a senior at Parkway West High School. He hopes to attend Dennison College in Ohio after graduation. Steve would like to go into pre-med.

by Charles Edgar Wilmeth

ALCOCK - OUJIRI

F4

Kathy, of Robert, of Mabel Rose (Countryman), of John Ervin.

Kathy Linn Alcock was born May 7, 1948, at Rochelle, Illinois. After her grade school education at Lindenwood, she attended high school at Rochelle, graduating in 1966. That same year she entered Stout University at Menomonee, Wisconsin. She graduated from the university in 1970.

On May 24, 1969, Kathy married Michael J. Oujiri, who was born March 23, 1947, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Michael attended grade school and high school in Cedar Rapids and graduated in 1964. After high school he entered Stout University and graduated in 1969 with a degree in accounting. His life work has been in that field.

Kathy and Michael have lived most of their married life in the Minneapolis – St. Paul, Minnesota, area. They have two children: Jason Matthew, born January 7, 1972; and Christina Lorise, born June 26, 1975. Both children are attending school at Roseville, Minnesota.

by Charles Edgar Wilmeth

ALCOCK - TWOMBLY

F5

Sheryl, of Robert, of Mabel Rose (Countryman), of John Ervin.

Sheryl Jean Alcock was born February 13, 1951, in Rochelle, Illinois. After her grade school education in Lindewood, she attended high school in Rochelle, graduating in 1969. After high school she attended Northern Illinois State University and earned a B.S. degree in education. She then worked in the library of St. Anthony School of Nursing at Rockford.

On November 13, 1976, Sheryl married Gregory L. Twombly, who was born December 8, 1949, in Sycamore, Illinois. He attended several schools and graduated from DeKalb High School in 1967. After graduation he attended an electrical trade school in Rockford, Illinois, for four years. His life work has been in that field.

Sheryl and Gregory have three children: David Kurt, born December 13, 1977; Caryn Michelle, born July 16, 1979; and Joanna Marie, born December 5, 1980. The Twomblys have lived in Wenatchee, Washington, most of their married life. Their three children were born there, and all are attending school in Wenatchee.

by Charles Edgar Wilmeth

ALCOCK - WILMETH

F6

Marion, of Mabel Rose (Countryman), of John Ervin.

Marion J. Alcock was born February 27, 1909. She attended Rockford High School in Rockford, Illinois, graduating in 1927. She then attended Northern Illinois University at DeKalb, majoring in education. She taught in Illinois public schools until 1936.

In 1933 Marion met and later became engaged to Charles Edgar Wilmeth. Charles Edgar was born March 12, 1907, in Effingham, Illinois. He received his education in Illinois, graduating from Arcola High School in 1927 and from the University of Illinois in 1932. After receiving a master's degree in horticulture, he was employed by Del Monte Corporation, and this work took him to the state of Washington.

In 1936 Marion finished her teaching contract in Oregon, Illinois, and joined her fiance in Yakima, Washington, where they were married on June 27, 1936. Their first home was in Toppenish, Washington, where Edgar was superintendent of Del Monte farming operations, serving in that capacity until retirement in 1972.

Marion and Edgar built their home on South Date Street soon after their marriage and still live at that location at this writing. Two girls were born to them : Elaine Rose on April 17, 1940, and Phyllis Ann on August 30, 1943. The girls received their grade school and high school educations in Toppenish. Their stories also appear in this book.

Marion and Edgar expect to observe their fiftieth wedding anniversary on June 27, 1986. Their interests center, as they have throughout the years of their marriage, on home, family, and church.

by Charles Edgar Wilmeth

ALCOCK, MABEL (COUNTRYMAN)

F7

Mabel, of John Ervin.

Mabel Rose Countryman was born February 9, 1882, in Lynnville Township, Illinois. She attended Fletcher grade school, which was located three-fourths mile from her home. She graduated from Rochelle High School with the class of 1900.

Mabel Rose married Edgar R. Alcock on October 10, 1906. Edgar Alcock was born September 16, 1884, in Lynnville Township. After their marriage the couple resided with Mabel Rose's parents, John Ervin and Rose (Wagner) Countryman. The elder couple built an addition to the farm home for their use so the new family could occupy the older part of the house.

Mabel Rose and Edgar had three children, Marion J., Raymond E., and Robert H. All three attended the same Fletcher grade school their mother had attended.

Mabel Rose (Countryman) Alcock passed away September 9, 1931. Her three children, Marion, Raymond, and Robert, remained on the farm with their father until they were married. Edgar Alcock passed away July 6, 1969, after a lengthy illness.

by Charles Edgar Wilmeth

ALCOCK, RAYMOND & ELOISE (GORMAN)

F8

Raymond, grandson of John Ervin Countryman.

Raymond Edgar Alcock was born March 27, 1912, in Ogle County, Illinois. He attended Rockford High School in Rockford, Illinois, after which he completed courses at Hemphill Diesel Engineering School in Chicago, Illinois.

Raymond was married to Eloise Gorman on August 7, 1936, in Fort Collins, Colorado. Eloise was born November 18, 1918, in Mitchell, Nebraska. She graduated from Laramie High School in Laramie, Wyoming, in 1935. She then graduated from Dickinson Secretarial College in Rockford, Illinois. They had two children, Ronald Gary, born May 24, 1937, and Marcia Louise, born November 27, 1939. They were both born in Rochelle, Illinois.

Raymond was employed by Del Monte Corporation as timekeeper during two summer seasons while he was attending school. He was empoloyed on a permanent basis as a mechanical field man in 1935. He was with Del Monte until 1942, at which time he resigned to accept a position with United Air Lines in the hydraulic department in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

The travel industry often required changes in location. The family lived in Cheyenne, Wyoming; Fort Collins, Colorado; Redwood City, California; Denver, Colorado; and Aurora, Colorado. They reside in Aurora at this time.

Raymond retired from United Air Lines as a supervisor of ground equipment in 1977. He was on medical disability for a few years before retirement.

by Raymond Edgar Alcock

ALCOCK, ROBERT H. & MELBA (LEITNER)

F9

Robert, of Mabel Rose (Countryman), of John Ervin.

Robert H. Alcock was born July 21, 1920, in Rochelle, Illinois, and graduated from high school in Rochelle in 1938. After graduating he worked four years for Lazier Seed Company. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1942, and spent most of the time during World War

II in England and France. He was discharged from the Air Force in 1945.

Robert married Melba Jean Leitner on September 14, 1945, while on leave from the Air Force. Melba Jean was born February 9, 1921, in Hampshire, Illinois. She attended grade school and high school at Hampshire, graduating in 1938. She then attended Northern Illinois State University where she earned a degree in elementary education. She taught in Illinois public schools for 13 years, nine of which were after her marriage to Robert Alcock.

In 1946 Robert Alcock's father, Edgar, turned the family's 80-acre farm over to his son, after farming the land for 40 years. Robert was a very successful farmer, and in a few years added 160 acres to his farming operation.

After his retirement from farming, Edgar Alcock built a new home in Lindenwood, Illinois, where he lived for many years. Robert and Melba Alcock remodeled the house that Robert's grandfather, John Ervin Countryman, had built an addition to some 40 years earlier.

Robert and Melba had two daughters: Kathy Linn, born May 7, 1948; and Sheryl Jean, born February 13, 1951. Both girls attended grade school at Lindenwood and high school at Rochelle.

Robert Alcock was stricken with leukemia and passed away on November 28, 1960, when he was 40 years old.

by Charles Edgar Wilmeth

ALCOCK, RONALD & DONNA (COOPER)

F10

Ronald, great-grandson of John Irvin Countryman.

Ronald Gary Alcock was born May 24, 1937, in Rochelle, Illinois. He received his high school education at Aurora High School in Aurora, Colorado, graduating in 1955. He received his Doctor of Optometry degree from Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon, in 1963.

On June 24, 1960, Ron married Donna Margaret Cooper. Donna was born June 11, 1939, in Denver, Colorado. Educated in Aurora, Colorado, she then attended the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado, for two years. Following their marriage, she accompanied Ron to Forest Grove, Oregon, where she worked at a local bank to help Ron through college.

Ron and Donna make their home in Aurora, Colorado, where Ron has his own practice of optometry. Donna works part-time for him and she also works part-time for Aurora Public Schools teaching preschool children.

Todd Raymond Alcock was born February 8, 1967. Todd attended Aurora schools from the first through twelfth grades. He graduated from Aurora Central High School in June of 1985. Todd is in his freshman year at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, California, where he is majoring in drama film.

Cori Jean Alcock was born February 21, 1969. Cori is a junior at Aurora Central High School. Very active in school activities, she was junior captain of the varsity swim team and also plays on the soccer team. Cori plans to study pre-med when she graduates from high school in June of 1987.

by Ronald Gary Alcock

AUSTIN, LEAH VIOLA (COUNTRYMAN)

F11

Leah, of John Irvin.

Leah Viola Countryman was born May 21, 1867, in the town of Danube, Herkimer County, New York. She was the first child born to John Irvin and Rose Leah Countryman. Leah Viola moved to Ogle County, Illinois, with her parents August 8, 1867.

On May 14, 1890, Leah Viola married Edward J. Austin, born April 17, 1868. They moved to Winona, Minnesota, soon after their marriage and Edward worked in the bank there. Their only child, Mable Rose, was born in Winona. The Austins lived their later years in Rockford, Illinois. Leah Viola passed away June 29, 1945. Edward J. passed away January 11, 1952.

Mable Rose Austin was born September 17, 1894. On June 30, 1915, Mable Rose married Paul H. Schantz, born June 2, 1893. They lived all their married life in Rockford, Illinois. Paul was a building supply salesman. Mable Rose passed away April 3, 1979. Paul H. passed away December 12, 1979. There were no children from this marriage.

by Charles Edgar Wilmeth

BAKER, GREG & LESLIE (SAWTELLE)

F12

Leslie, of Joseph, of Maude (Countryman), of Joseph Dodge, of Eli, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

In keeping with the Countryman tradition I, too, am writing a bit on the Baker lineage for our widespread family to read now and for generations to come. The first volume of our Countryman genealogy has afforded me many hours of pleasurable reading, and gained me vast knowledge of our "family tree." I trust my small effort in continuing this worthwhile venture will in some way afford the same enjoyment for those to follow for years to come. History has given us many good men who have died for many a good cause. To name a few, Abraham Lincoln, John Kennedy, John the Baptist, and most importantly of all, Jesus Christ who died on Calvary's cross for all of mankind.

I weathered the Sixties and was married in 1969. I had resisted the "Hippie" movement and had begun the business of becoming a housewife. My husband worked long, hard hours at a local gas station and also attended our local community college. I, on the other hand, worked for a dentist. We had decided to secure one college education at a time, his first! In the spring of 1971 our daughter was born — Kimberly Dawn, born March 25,

Greg and Leslie Jane (Sawtelle) Baker of Fontana, California, with their children, Kimberly Dawn and Steven Todd.

1971, at Oroville, California. My education seemed to be getting further away. At that time, I was so busy with my job, my family, and my Sunday School class that I really didn't mind! My husband had just about completed the community college and would soon be attending the university 20 miles away. He had also been given a better paying job at a local lumber mill, and things were moving right along.

On August 15, 1973, our son, Steven Todd, was born prematurely at Oroville, California. We were told his survival chances were virtually nonexistent! We summoned the elders of the church to pray for him and annoint him with oil, and in the early morning hours following their visit, our doctors came to my bedside to tell me a miracle had happened and our son was improved! God had answered our prayers. Our son is now a strapping twelve year old!

My husband completed his education with honors and became a successful lumber broker. I continued my duties as a mother and dental assistant. I am finally going to complete my college education beginning this January! It has only been 16 years since my high school graduation!

Over these past 16 years, I have weathered many a storm. I have also been blessed greatly. I have seen my daughter awarded the "United Nations Poster Contest" award for her original poster depicting God's love for all. I have seen my son "healed" shortly after birth, as previously stated. I have weathered serious illnesses and loss of a parent, and through it all I have maintained, above all, my faith and trust in God. After reading Volume I of the Countryman genealogy, it is evident to me that faith in God is woven like a golden thread through all of the generations of Countrymans, binding us one to another no matter where we may live. Because I will never meet all who read this personally, I'd like to conclude with my testimony in hopes it may be a blessing to someone sometime.

I believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God who

died on Calvary's Cross for all of mankind's sins. He is the same Jesus Christ who hears all of our prayers and will forgive all of our sins today as in ages past. He is alive and will return to claim his own. We are truly in the latter days and should all be prepared for Christ's imminent coming.

by Leslie Jane (Sawtelle) Baker

BALLOU, PHILIP & MIM (TESDAHL)

F13

Philip, of Hazel (Miller), of William, of Mary Catherine (Countryman), of Jacob, of John Adam.

Philip Edwin Ballou, son of Hazel (Miller) Ballou and Kenneth E. Ballou, was born March 16, 1924. He married Mildred (Mim) Oralee Tesdahl in St. John's Lutheran Church, Holmes, Iowa, April 27, 1946. Mim is a daughter of Henry and Anna Caroline (Larson) Tesdahl, born December 12, 1922. Philip graduated from Clarion High School and served in World War II, discharged as a sergeant. Phil also served in the Pacific area with the U.S. Army, and he and his mother had a reunion while he was serving on Guadacanal and she was near Hollandia, New Guinea.

Phil and Mim earned their bachelor's and master's degrees at Drake University, and earned their doctorate degrees at Colorado State Teacher's College, Greeley, Colorado. They are now professors in their fields at Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana; they also teach in the graduate field.

Stephen Philip Ballou is the son of Philip and Mildred (Mim) Ballou, born in Des Mones, Iowa, September 20, 1950. A graduate of Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, he is now a psychology counselor with the Des Moines, Iowa, public school system.

by Hazel Haupt

BALLOU, STUART & MOLLIE (SHILLITO)

F14

Stuart, of Hazel (Miller), of William, of Mary Catherine (Countryman), of Jacob, of John Adam.

Stuart Lynn Ballou, son of Kenneth and Hazel (Miller) Ballou, was born August 29, 1927. He is a graduate of Clarion High School and Drake University of Des Moines, Iowa, with a degree in education. He was married August 20, 1949, to Mollie Eleanor Shillito in Grace Methodist Church in Des Moines. Mollie is the daughter of Harold George and Mary Agnes (Elam) Shillito, born May 20, 1929, Des Moines. She is a graduate of Roosevelt High School and Drake University of Des Moines.

Stuart served in the navy 1945–47 and again 1950–52 at San Diego, California; Bremerton, Washington; and Bethesda, Maryland, where he was educated as an X-ray technician at the naval hospital. During his last service he was the X-ray and lab technician aboard the USS *Ballou* between the U.S., Germany, Italy, and Korea.

Stuart taught school and was basketball coach at Rock Falls, Alexander, and Thornton, Iowa; then was with State Farm Insurance Company in Bloomington, Illinois; as claim adjuster in Carroll, Iowa, and Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The past 13 years he has been with the Veterans Administration, St. Louis, Missouri. Stuart and Mollie are the parents of two boys, both born in the hospital in Belmond, Iowa: Douglas Kent, March 15, 1953; and Brian Lynn, August 18, 1956. Stuart and Mollie live in Florissant, Missouri.

Douglas Kent Ballou, son of Stuart and Mollie, graduated from high school in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, attended one year of college at Madison, South Dakota, and earned his degree in hotel and restaurant management from Forest Park Junior College in St. Louis. He had three years with the Reuben Corporation in Dallas, Texas, in various capacities and as manager and assistant manager of their restaurants. He is interested in opening a business of his own as he enjoys serving excellent foods and meeting the public. He is now back in St. Louis.

Brian Lynn Ballou, son of Stuart and Mollie, married on September 4, 1982, Kathy Gail Tuepker in the church of the Master (UCC – Congregational). Kathy is the daughter of Roland Otto and Agnes Pauline (Groenemann) Tuepker, born in St. Louis, Missouri, January 24, 1959. Brian has had training in radio announcing but did not pursue that type of work. He worked as manager for both Pizza Hut and Taco Bell after training, and has been more interested in the management work. Brian graduated from high school in Hazelwood, Missouri, and he and Kathy reside in St. Louis.

by Hazel Haupt

BARTH, DEAN & LINDA (KENEY) BRIDGES

F15

Renee Bridges (age 11), Deanna (age 7), and William (age 2) — children of Linda (Keney-Bridges) and Dean Barth, and grandchildren of Grace (Countryman) and Milton Barth. Photo taken November 1973 at home in Bovey, Minnesota, at the time of Deanna and William (Bill)'s birthdays.

Linda (Keney-Bridges) and Dean Barth, son of Grace (Countryman) and Milton Barth, on their wedding day, 2 October 1965, at Faith Evangelical United Brethren Church, Elmhurst, Illinois.

Family portrait taken at Renee's wedding to Glen Curtiss on 23 June 1984 at the Assemblies of God Church in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Dean and Linda Barth, William Barth, Renee (Bridges) Curtiss, Deanna Barth. Dean is the son of Grace (Countryman) and Milton Barth.

Dean, of Grace (Countryman), of Edwin, of Abram, of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Dean Edwin Barth was born 16 February 1935 at West Suburban Hospital in Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois, to Milton Edwin and Grace (Countryman) Barth. His parents resided in Elmhurst, DuPage County, where his father owned a hardware store. On 22 September 1935 he was baptized at home by his grandfather, the Reverend Edwin Countryman. The event was witnessed by the relatives who had also come to celebrate the third birthday of his sister, Lorraine.

During grade school years Dean took trombone lessons, played in the band, took piano, and some baton and art lessons. He was a patrol boy, and in sixth grade received a special commendation from the principal while serving as captain of the squad. He also played on the seventh and eighth grade and

high school freshman basketball teams. In the working world he delivered evening newspapers and later set pins at the local bowling alley.

Some early vacations were spent on the farm near Rockford, and a week each summer was often spent at the Oakdale Park campmeeting near Freeport, Illinois. One summer, in 1943, Dean, age eight, and his sister Lorraine, age ten, took the train to Ohio for a two-month visit at the Flat Rock Children's Home, south of Bellevue. A good friend of their mother's, Vera Paulin, was for many years the "Little Girls' Matron" at this home, supported by the Evangelical Church.

The next year the family took their first trip together to the Mississippi River, and up to the Wisconsin Dells. The first plane ride for Dean. Lorraine, and their mother took them to California in 1947. They stayed with Aunt Ruth (Countryman) Mock for two weeks, then took a train to Denver, Colorado, where they met father Milton for another week of vacationing. A never-to-be-forgotten episode during the train ride was the wait of seven daylight hours in the desert near Needles, California, with a temperature of 130 degrees, for their turn to cross the temporarily-repaired, recently washed-out, bridge. Running out of water created thirsty passengers and overheated coaches! In 1949 the family toured Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Kentucky, with no major catastrophes!

After completing his high school education, Dean followed his interest in cars and took a course in welding. He worked as a body and fender repairman in Westmont, DuPage County, and La Grange, Cook County.

On 23 December 1960 Dean married Miss Judy Heffel of Villa Park. She was born 7 October 1939 in Chicago. They were divorced in 1964. There were no children.

Dean was wed to Linda Marie (Keney) Bridges on 2 October 1965 at Faith Evangelical United Brethren Church in Elmhurst by the Reverend Willis A. Locke. Linda was born in Canton, Stark County, Ohio, on 17 September 1941 to James Chadwick and Marie Myrtle (Little) Keney. When Linda was three, her parents were divorced. Two years later her father married Florence Ferrara Yannacey. Linda served in the Air Force from December 1960 to April 1962 and was stationed in Japan the last six months. As her husband at the time was also in the Air Force, Linda continued to live on the base. Their baby, Renee Anne Bridges, was born 21 July 1962. Within a few months, Linda and the baby were on their way home to her parents' place in Elmhurst.

After their marriage Dean and Linda lived in Westmont. Their daughter Deanna Lynn was born at Hinsdale Hospital, Hinsdale, DuPage County, on 10 November 1966. In August of 1968 the family moved 600 miles northwest to a home on Snaptail Lake, north of Bovey, Itasca County, Minnesota. Linda's parents had purchased a summer home in this area some years before. Here Dean continued in body and fender work until the recession hit the area. In 1979 he was employed by U.S. Steel at their iron ore plant near Hibbing, Minnesota. In the summer he works a large garden, and enjoys fishing, woodworking, and cooking. Linda likes caring for people and received a degree in licensed practical nursing in June 1986.

Daughter Renee was married 23 June 1984 at the Assemblies of God Church in Grand Rapids, Itasca County, to Glen Dean Curtiss, who was born 7 January 1957. In January of 1985 Glen adopted Renee's boy, Michael James, who was born 22 May 1982 in Grand Rapids. Michael welcomed a baby brother, Joshua Glen, on 28 April 1985. The Curtiss family is living on Bass Lake in a home which Glen began building several years ago. Renee enjoys singing, and sang at her own wedding!

Deanna Lynn was graduated from Grand Rapids High School in May 1985. At school she played the clarinet and was a member of the Madrigal Singers. As a sophomore she became a member of the Junior-Senior Choir. Her special interest is piano. She has advanced far beyond the few beginning lessons she had!

William Dean was born to Dean and Linda on 8 November 1971 in Grand Rapids. While in grade school he played on a hockey team. Now he enjoys many different sports, especially swimming at the YMCA in Grand Rapids. His favorite subject is woodworking!

by Lorraine Weick

BARTH, MILTON & GRACE MARZELLA (COUNTRYMAN)

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Milton and Grace (Countryman) Barth on their wedding day, 9 July 1930, in Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois. The ceremony took place in a rose garden. Grace is the daughter of Edwin and Lottie (Goembel) Countryman.

Grace, of Edwin, of Abram, of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

On 26 April 1906 a baby girl was born to Edwin and Lottie Viola (Goembel) Coun-

Milton and Grace Barth 50 years later, on 9 July 1980. Photo taken at Lilac Lodge, Hillside, Cook County, Illinois, where a few relatives had gathered for a dinner celebration.

A traditional Christmas Eve gathering of the Barth clan. Allan and Lorraine (Barth) Weick, Milton Barth holding grandson David Weick, Grace (Countryman) Barth, Judy (Heffel) Barth, Dean Barth. Bonnie and Cynthia Weick in front. Photo taken at Milton and Grace's home in Western Springs, Cook County, Illinois, in 1963.

Another celebration of the 50th anniversary of Milton and Grace Barth. Son Dean had brought his family from Bovey, Minnesota, at Thanksgiving time, 1980. Back row: Dean Barth, Eric Weick, Deanna and William Barth, David Weick. Middle row: Milton Barth, Linda (Keney-Bridges) Barth, Lorraine (Barth) Weick. Front row: Grace (Countryman) Barth, Gary and Bonnie (Weick) Grabenhofer, Allan Weick, Velma (Nehf) Barth (sister-in-law of Milton), Cynthia Weick. Photo taken at Lorraine and Allan's home in Westchester, Cook County, Illinois.

tryman at Le Mars, Plymouth County, Iowa. Her father was taking a ministerial course at Western Union College. Six weeks later he graduated and a train brought the family back to Illinois. The United Evangelical parsonage at Loraine Township, Henry County, became their home. The first order of business, according to a committee consisting of Grandpa Sam Geombel and Aunts Stella and Katherine, was to give this baby a name! "Grace" was chosen by the parents, while the "committee" looked through Grandma's book about opera singers for middle-name ideas. The name "Marzella" struck Grandpa's fancy. On 1 September 1906 Grace Marzella was baptized at the Ebenezer Campmeeting in Phenix Township by the Reverend William Caton, district presiding elder. Her older brother Lowell had also been baptized at an Ebenezer Campmeeting — 23 August 1903 by Bishop H.B. Hartzler.

Her public schooling began in Cedarvile, Stephenson County. Sixth through tenth grades were in the Hampshire, Kane County, school system. Grace graduated from Geneseo, Henry County, High School in 1924 and attended Western Union College one year before entering the nursing program at West Suburban Hospital, Oak Park, Cook County. After graduation in 1928 she was employed there in the obstetrical department as an assistant supervisor.

A mutual friend matched up Grace with Milton Edwin Barth, both of whom happened to be attending the Evangelical Church in Oak Park. One time during their courtship, on the way home from visiting friends in Chicago, their car was forced to the curb by two drunks. Milton was taken in one car, robbed and released. Grace was taken in the opposite direction. A wrong turn put them on a railroad track five minutes before a train was due. A policeman arrived just in time to help free the car and the terrified, kidnapped girl!

Milton was born 17 June 1906 in Chicago ("on the banks of the Eisenhower Expressway") to Christian Gottlieb and Sarah Adelaid (Wingert) Barth. They later moved to Oak Park, where Milton attended high school for two years. He once worked for a florist, but soon joined his father and brother at Rehm Wholesale Hardware Company in Chicago. In 1929 he became the proprietor of the Spring Road Hardware Store in Elmhurst, DuPage County. Milton was wed to Grace on 9 July 1930 in Rockford's sunken rose garden, opposite Sinnissippi Park on the Rock River, by Dr. H.H. Thoren and her father. After dinner at the Faust Hotel the couple honeymooned in South Dakota and Colorado and then returned to live in an apartment above the hardware store. Grace continued nursing one more year, but returned twice more for the births of Lorraine Marzella and Dean Edwin.

Once, early in Milton's career, a salesman talked of electric shepherds. Having Christmas on his mind, Milton ordered a dozen — for this suburban community! Grace's brother Lowell graciously bought this supply of electric fence controls for his farm! Milton enjoyed golf and bowling, and at one time played the tenor saxophone and woodblock. He and Grace were active members of the Elmhurst Evangelical (EUB) Church until 1967. He served as treasurer, trustee, head usher; Grace served in the women's society, Sunday School, and choir. After living in two rented homes (266 Eggleston; 417 Montrose), in 1937 they moved into a home of Grace's design at 584 Berkley. Here Grace was able to satisfy her fancy for carpentry, having observed her father many times, by building the kitchen and basement cabinets. She hauled stones and used her creativity to build terraces, walks, and a fireplace. Yard work and gardening have been favorite activities.

In 1942 Milton bought a business which he developed into the prosperous LaGrange (Cook County) Hardware Company. His widowed mother lived with them most of the time from 1942 until her death 15 June 1954. To save travel time they then moved into another custom-built home at 4841 Central, Western Springs, Cook County, later that summer.

Grace resumed her obstetrical nursing career from 1956 to 1964 at LaGrange Hospital, and was present at the births of grandchildren Cynthia and David Weick. After retirement she took up the full-time hobbies of handcrafts to sell (netting 50¢ an hour!) and family history research. She and Milton loved to travel, and had visited all 50 states, Mexico, Canada, and the Caribbean. In 1983 Grace, Lorraine, and Cynthia traveled to Germany, taking a Martin Luther tour, and driving 2600 miles to visit the known ancestral villages.

The Barths sold their home in 1965 and moved into an apartment in LaGrange. The Hardware Company was sold after Milton's first heart attack in 1967, but he continued as an employee (part time in later years) at the Western Springs Village Hardware until January 1982, thus completing 60 years in the hardware business. At his retirement party he was lovingly given the honorary title of "Mr. Hardware of the Western Suburbs!" In the fall of 1972 he and Grace had moved to Elgin, which meant a 70-mile round trip on the days which he worked!

After 1967 they attended the Village Church of Western Springs (Baptist) and then Grace Evangelical Church of Elgin. Milton, who had suffered from arteriosclerotic heart disease for 16 years, died at home on 12 February 1983 at the age of 76 years 7 months 26 days. He is buried next to his brother LeRoy at the Forest Home Cemetery, Forest Park, Cook County. This area along the DesPlaines River had once been an Indian camp and burial ground. Grace continues to live in their home in Elgin.

by Lorraine Weick

The Bashaw family. Front row left to right: Ardis, Deane, and Timothy. Back row left to right: Thomas and Dennis.

Deane and Ardis (Countryman) Bashaw.

BASHAW, DEANE & ARDIS (COUNTRYMAN)

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Ardis, of Dennis, of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad II, of Jacob, of Conrad I, of Johann Frediech.

Ardis, daughter of Dennis and Blossom (McHenry) Countryman, was born March 23, 1925, at the farm home located two and one-half miles east from Moville, Iowa, on Highway 20. We lived there until 1928, when my parents purchased a farm near Correctionville, Iowa. When I reached school age, I walked daily to school with my brother Duane. If it rained or snowed our father would hitch the team to the wagon or bobsled, whichever the weather dictated, and take us to and from school. Those were happy, carefree years, but they came to an abrupt halt when I was eight years old; pneumonia claimed the life of our father.

Six months later our little brother, Darrell, was born. He only weighed two and one-half pounds. Mother was very ill. I recall bringing little Darrell home from the hospital wrapped in blankets and fitted into a shoe box.

Those were the Depression years. We could not make the mortgage payments and the bank foreclosed. Mother sold off our fine horses and other personal property and bought a farm 13 miles from Sebeka, Minnesota. It was near Aunt Lillie Morgan (father's

sister) and Uncle George, so we had our seven Morgan cousins nearby to help us adjust.

Mother was a wonderful manager. With limited funds, she always prepared well-balanced, delicious meals. She sewed, mended, baked, raised a garden, and canned enough to keep us well fed. We picked wild strawberries and blueberries by the pailfulls. I thank my mother for all the skills she taught me.

While Mother cared for the home, it was Duane and I who did the chores and farm work. Duane stopped going to school even before it was legal to do so. He needed more time for the farm work.

I loved school and whereas I could walk the four miles to District 52 in Meadow Township or the two and one-half miles to District 39 where I completed eighth grade, high school in Sebeka was 13 miles away. By riding with neighbors, rooming in town with a classmate, and finally working for my room and board at the Sebeka Bakery, I graduated from Sebeka High School.

In the fall of 1943, Mother was very ill from complications of an appendectomy; we sold everything and moved to Rantool, Illinois, the home of Chanute Field. Duane was inducted into the Marines. I was employed by Tom Conlin, a fine gentleman who taught me the restaurant business. His own children worked for him. They were my age and they treated my as a member of their family. I worked double shifts, saved my money, and later bought my own restaurant in Urbana, Illinois. Later I sold this, and when Duane returned from the service we all returned to Minnesota where on September 13, 1946, Mother married George Buchanan, a former neighbor.

I went on to Moville, Iowa, to visit my Countryman relatives. I was at Aunt Mayble Rhue's when Deane Bashaw returned home from the service. Our parents had been best friends, and I had always known Deane, but we had grown up since we last saw each other. We were married on December 22, 1946.

Deane worked for the Soil Conservation Service. Dennis was born May 21, 1949, and Thomas was born August 17, 1950. Later, Deane farmed with his father until 1953 when his parents moved to California.

In the fall of 1954 we wrapped up our farming operations, hitched a U-Haul trailer behind our new 1954 Chevy, and with our two young sons, now four and five, we headed west. We were somewhat frightened, but also determined to build a future for our little family.

That move proved wise. I have been employed by the Stanislaus County Department of Education since earning enough college credits by 1956. I have served in many capacities including classroom teaching, reading specialist, and curriculum development. I am a member and have been an officer in Phi Delta Kappa, Delta Kappa Gamma, and California Teacher's Association. In 1977 I received the "Outstanding Service to Special Education" award from the Council for Exceptional Children.

Deane has worked for the Modesto, California, Fire Department since 1957. He has been active in Boy Scouts and has taught our three sons the skills of camping, backpacking, boating, and fishing.

Our California baby, Timothy Kevin, was born January 26, 1959. All members of our family enjoyed him and helped with his care. He is now employed by the Stanislaus Department of Education in the maintenance department.

Our second son married Beth Travis on November 23, 1973. A daughter, Julie Beth, was born March 11, 1976. A son, Joshua, was born July 25, 1978. Tom and Beth purchased their grandparent O.H. Bashaw's acreage near the Stanislaus River, five miles from Oakdale. Tom works for Louisiana Pacific in their chemical department near Sonora.

Our eldest son, Dennis, married Darian Webb-Taylor on October 22, 1971. Dennis adopted Danelle Christeen, who was born November 5, 1970. Dennis Bryant was born July 25, 1975. Dennis works in cement construction with his uncle, Duane Countryman.

by Ardis (Countryman) Bashaw

BEANE, GILBERT & MARY-DEL (COUNTRYMAN)

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The children of Mary-Del (Countryman) and Gilbert Beane, taken in 1974. Standing: Marilee Jane. Seated left to right: Bryan Lee, Lori Marie, and Matthew Duane.

Mary-Del, of Roy Alfred, of Delbert Eugene, of John Henry, of Joseph, of John Adam, of Conradt II, of Conradt I, of John Frederick.

My story begins on January 29, 1936, in Des Moines, Iowa, since I was born on that day. It was a cold, snowy winter. My father was Roy Alfred Countryman, born May 12, 1910, to Delbert Eugene and Lydia Louise (Pitts) Countryman. My mother is Deva Jane (Duffield) Countryman, born December 7, 1915, to John Calvin and Mary Olive (Bennett) Duffield. I have two brothers, Calvin Eugene, born November 20, 1933, and Donald Paul, born August 10, 1938. We were raised in Des Moines, Iowa, but in the summer we enjoyed staying with relatives on farms in Dallas County, Iowa. In the early years they lived along the Raccoon River. Then they moved to Earlham, Iowa.

My father, Roy Countryman, taught school; then he worked for the Internal Revenue Service until he retired. He passed away on July 6, 1971. My mother, Deva, worked for the Fitch and Coppola families, the Iowa Temperance League, and the past 15 years she took care of Edna McCabe. She was married June 16, 1985, to Kenneth Welton and retired in March 1986.

I met my husband when he was staying with my cousin Verna (Countryman) Hill and Jerald Hill, Sr., who is his cousin. Gilbert Lee Beane was raised in Redfield, Iowa. We were married on May 12, 1957, and have lived in Des Moines since then. The first few years he had different jobs, but in July of 1966 he started working for Economy Forms and he is still there. We have four children and two grandchildren:

Marilee Jane Beane, born January 3, 1958, lives in Aurora, Colorado, and works for Rollins Truck Leasing. She will marry Lloyd Heintz on August 2, 1986.

Bryan Lee Beane, born July 29, 1959, married Connie Cashman on May 5, 1979. They have a son, Bradley Paul, born June 29, 1982. Bryan works at Acme Printing Company.

Lori Marie Beane, born October 22, 1966, married Gene LeRoy Parsons on October 26, 1984. They have a daughter, Meghan Kay, born May 8, 1985.

Matthew Duane Beane, born November 14, 1969, attends East High School and enjoys classes on computers and Spanish. He also likes typing classes. He will graduate in 1988.

by Mary-Del (Countryman) Beane

BECVAR - ALFREY

F19

Wilma, of Felix, of Mary (Husted), of Sarah Taylor (Countryman), of Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of Johan Frederich.

Wilma Pauline Bacvar, sixth child of Lois Caroline McIntosh and Felix Frederick Becvar, was born September 5, 1936, at Colo, Iowa. She remembers being told by her mother how she was given her name. With three girls already, her parents had hoped for a boy to be born, whom they would call William Paul. When she was born, they named her Wilma Pauline instead and nicknamed her Billie. She began her schooling at the Dalton country school and then went on to the Colo public school.

In 1953 she was married to Francis Earl Anderson, son of Margaret and Francis Anderson. They resided eight years in Ames, Iowa, where their two girls were born. In 1960 they moved to the Santa Clara Valley area of California where the girls had their schooling. Both girls graduated in San Jose.

Cynthia Sue Anderson was born August 22, 1954. She married Kenneth Dickinson, son of Betty and Richard Dickinson, October 26, 1974. They had two daughters, Destiny Sue, born December 13, 1976, and Liberty Kendra, born April 13, 1978. Kenneth died in 1981 and Cindy remarried two years later to Wayne Harlan, son of Barbara and Dale Harlan. A son, Eric Wayne, was born to them

March 23, 1984. Cindy and Wayne live at San Jose, California.

Christine Dale Anderson was born February 14, 1957. She married James Roger Amos, son of Velma and Oliver Amos, in August of 1975. Christy and Roger have two children, James Roger, born September 20, 1979, and Jenelle Christine, born January 29, 1984. They live in Alameda, California.

Billie and Earl were divorced in 1964. She is now married to Russell Everette Alfrey, son of Mary Ellen and Roy Alfrey. They were wed March 12, 1967. They have one son, Anthony LeRoy, born January 31, 1968, at Mountain View, California. Billie has been employed at Lockheed as an electronics assembler since 1962. Her husband is also employed at Lockheed as a supervisor with production control. Billie enjoys quilting and gardening. She and Russ reside in San Jose, California.

by Eileen Klonglan

BECVAR - CARLSON
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The Glen and Audre Carlson family of Lena, Illinois, taken in March 1986. Left to right: Glen Carlson, son-in-law Kevin Loomans, daughter Julia (Carlson) Loomans, daughter Jennifer Carlson, and Audre (Becvar) Carlson.

Audre, of Felix, of Mary (Husted), of Sarah Taylor (Countryman), of Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of Johan Frederich.

Audre Eleanor Becvar, fifth child of Lois Caroline McIntosh and Felix Frederick Becvar, was born December 6, 1934, at Colo, Iowa. Audre attended primary through sixth grade at Dalton country school #9. In 1947 when all the country schools in Story County, Iowa, were closed, Colo School became Colo Consolidated School. Audre then rode the school bus to it along with her brothers and sisters.

After graduating from Colo High School in 1953, Audre attended Iowa State Teachers College (now University of Northern Iowa) at Cedar Falls, Iowa. In May of 1955 she received a two-year pre-professional teaching certificate and taught first grade at Greene, Iowa, for two years.

On June 16, 1957, Audre married Glen Eugene Carlson, son of Nellie Aunspach and John P. Carlson, at the Colo Methodist Church. Glen was born December 12, 1934, in Des Moines, Iowa. He had graduated from Colo High School with Audre in the class of 1953 and from Iowa State College in 1957 with a B.S. in agricultural economics and rural sociology and also with a commission in the Navy Reserve Officer Training Corp.

After their marriage Audre and Glen were located in Oakland, California, for two years. While Glen fulfilled his naval duty, Audre began teaching elementary school again, substituting the first year and teaching kindergarten full time the following year. They returned to Iowa, residing in Ames for less than a year before moving to Freeport, Illinois, in April of 1960. Audre took a first grade teaching position at Dakota, Illinois, for the next two years, while Glen began his new job with Knowlton, Ely and Miles, a farm management company.

Audre and Glen have two daughters. Julia Ann Carlson was born August 18, 1961. She graduated from Lena-Winslow High School in 1979 and from the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater, Wisconsin, in 1983 with a B.A. in business. She and Kevin Loomans, son of Marcella and Kenneth Loomans, were married September 3, 1983, at the Lena Salem United Church of Christ. Julia and Kevin live in Appleton, Wisconsin, where Julia is head teller at the F.& M. Bank of Appleton, and Kevin is a C.P.A. and accountant with Schumaker, Romensko & Associates.

Jennifer Marie Carlson was born August 10, 1964, and graduated from Lena-Winslow High School in 1982. She attended the University of Wisconsin at Platteville, Wisconsin, earning B.S. degrees in both land reclamation and biology in May 1986.

In 1964 Audre and Glen bought the Knowlton, Ely and Miles Farm Management Company. The name was changed to Carlson & Knowlton, Inc., and later it became Glen Carlson Appraisal in Freeport, Illinois. In the spring of 1971 Audre and Glen built a new home near Lena on a five-acre woodlot on the corner of one of their farm properties. For a number of years they farmed their own land while Glen maintained his appraisal business. Currently Audre does secretarial work half days at Glen's office. She belongs to Beta Sigma Phi, an international social and service sorority, and continues to enjoy gardening her flower beds and vegetable plot.

by Eileen Klonglan

BECVAR - HARRISON
F21

Fern, of Winslow, of Mary (Husted), of Sarah Taylor (Countryman), of Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of Johan Frederich.

Fern Margaret Becvar, daughter of Winslow Elias "Jim" and Irene (Nehring) Becvar, was born 9 September 1933 on a farm southwest of Colo, New Albany Township, Story County, Iowa. From kindergarten through seventh grade she attended Dalton Community No. 9. She finished her education in the Colo Iowa Community School, graduating in May 1951.

After graduation she worked for Banker's Life, Des Moines, Iowa. From January 1952 to the summer of 1953 she was employed by the F.B.I. in Washington, D.C. In 1953 she returned to Colo to marry U.S. navyman Kenneth Elzo Harrison son of Elzo and Anna (Kisling) Harrison, on 3 September 1953 in the Methodist Church, Colo, Iowa. The couple made their home in San Diego, California; Colo, Tama, and Toledo, Iowa, until 1981 when Ken was transferred to the highway commission office in Council Bluffs, Iowa, where they now reside. Fern worked for several years for the Colo State Bank and the Tama State Bank.

They have two sons, David Wayne, born 27 July 1955, and Jeffery Lee, born 18 May 1962. Both were born in Nevada, Iowa. David Harrison married Sheryl Ann Duit, daughter of Dean Allen and Patricia (Palo) Duit, on 28 February 1976 at Geneva, Iowa. They have two sons, Michael David, born 11 May 1978 at Iowa City, Iowa, and Andrew Justin, born 20 January 1980 at Ames, Iowa. Dave, Sheryl, and sons reside in Brookfield, Wisconsin.

Both David and Jeff Harrison are graduates of Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.

by Mary Morgan

BECVAR - HARTWIG
F22

Lois Joann, of Felix, of Mary (Husted), of Sarah Taylor (Countryman), of Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of Johan Frederich.

Lois Joann Becvar, second child of Lois Caroline McIntosh and Felix Frederick Becvar, was born January 10, 1931, southwest of Colo, Iowa. She began her early years of education at the Dalton country school and graduated from Colo High School in 1949. On June 25, 1950, she was united in marriage to Nyle Richard Hartwig, son of Mayme Bader and Orville Hartwig, at the St. John's Lutheran Church northwest of State Center, Iowa. Nyle was born August 31, 1928, northeast of Colo, Iowa, on the farm where his parents had lived for many years. He and Joann moved into a small house on the farmstead near the main house as Nyle continued farming with his father.

After the death of Nyle's father in 1953, Joann and Nyle remained on the farm, moved into the larger farm house, worked the cropland, and tended the medium sized dairy herd for nearly ten more years. In 1963 they decided to give up the dairy herd and farm more land. They moved to a larger farm northwest of State Center while continuing to farm the land where Nyle had been born. Some memories Joann and Nyle have of their married life on the farm are: butchering their own meat, freezing and canning produce from their large garden, taking the family camping and fishing, sharing homemade ice cream with family and friends, and being a part of a neighborhood card club which still gets together regularly. Five children were born to them, all at the Deaconess Hospital in Marshalltown, Iowa. They all began their schooling in the Colo schools, and all but the last child graduated from West Marshall Community School in State Center.

Richard Orville Hartwig was born March 18, 1951. He graduated in agricultural engineering at Iowa State University and now works for the U.S.D.A. through the university. In 1975 he married Gretchen Anderson, daughter of Helen and Eugene Anderson. They have two children, Kerry Anderson, born January 11, 1976, and Kelly Ann, born December 6, 1978. Richard and Gretchen live at Colo, Iowa.

Russell Dean Hartwig was born January 5,

1952. He also graduated from Iowa State University in aerospace engineering and worked on his master's degree in chemical engineering at Texas A&M in Texarkana, Texas. Russell is a chemical safety engineer for the U.S. Army. In July of 1974 he married Kathi Lewis, daughter of Norma Jean and Bennie Lewis. They have two children, Allen Russell, born January 13, 1976, and Amanda Katherine, born February 19, 1978. Russell and Kathi live at Davenport, Iowa.

Ruth Ann Hartwig was born November 26, 1953. She attended the Des Moines Area Community College and is now a medical office assistant at the medical clinic in State Center, Iowa. She married Mike Bartine, son of Edna and Charles Bartine, in May of 1974. They have two sons, Jeffrey Charles, born May 5, 1977, and Eric Michael, born March 27, 1980. Ruth and Mike live at Marshalltown, Iowa.

Ronna Jean Hartwig was born October 9, 1955. She obtained her licensed practical nurse's training at the Marshalltown Community College and is a LPN at State Center Manor. In 1980 she married Arden Greiner, son of LaVonne and Edward Greiner. They live on a farm north of Colo, Iowa.

Ray Allen Hartwig was born October 13, 1956, and died in a tractor accident September 9, 1963. He is buried at St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery northwest of State Center, Iowa.

In 1974 Joann and Nyle quit farming. Nyle began working as a machinist and is now foreman at the Spread-All plant in Marshalltown, Iowa. At that time they also purchased and moved into a new home in State Center. In their leisure time they enjoy their grandchildren and going fishing.

by Eileen Klonglan

BECVAR - HINKLE
F23

Ruth, of Felix, of Mary (Husted), of Sarah Taylor (Countryman), of Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of Johan Frederich.

Ruth Caroline Becvar, fourth child of Lois Caroline McIntosh and Felix Frederick Becvar, was born June 1, 1933, at Colo, Iowa. Ruth attended Dalton country school and graduated from Colo High School in 1951. After graduation Ruth worked in the fingerprint division for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C. She met Darold Louis Harris, a career navy man from a nearby naval air station. They were married May 2, 1953, at Colo, Iowa.

Four years later, while stationed at Norman, Oklahoma, their two children were born: James Louis Harris on August 5, 1957, and Jean Marie Harris on September 5, 1958. Both children graduated from Orange Glen High School in Escondido, California, Jim in 1975 and Jean in 1976.

Jim graduated from California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo, California, in 1979 with a B.S. in natural resources management. On August 22, 1981, he married Donna Kay Kaufman, daughter of Peggy and Ed Kaufman. Jim is employed as a foreman of an electrical contracting crew. He and Donna reside in Escondido.

Jean attended Palomar College and is pursuing her teaching credentials. She is currently working for the San Diego Unified School District in an administrative position. She and Arthur K. Warren, son of Marjorie and James R. Warren, were married October 24, 1981, in Escondido. They have one son, Blake Arthur Warren, born June 2, 1983. Jean and Art also live in Escondido.

Ruth had been employed for nearly 30 years in various federal and state Civil Service offices, doing clerical and secretarial work. Following the dissolution of her first marriage, Ruth married Phillip Eugene Hinkle, son of Mildred and Winfred Hinkle, on October 15, 1970. Ruth and Phil have enjoyed their numerous opportunities to travel and visit many parts of the U.S. They presently live at Lumberton, North Carolina, but hope eventually to return to the West Coast.

by Eileen Klonglan

BECVAR - KLONGLAN
F24

Gerald and Eileen Klonglan with their children, Suzanne and Jason. Photo taken in January 1986 in Ames, Iowa.

Donna Eileen, of Felix, of Mary (Husted), of Sarah Taylor (Countryman), of Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of Johan Frederich.

Donna Eileen Becvar, eighth child of Lois Caroline McIntosh and Felix Frederick Becvar, was born April 2, 1940, at Colo, Iowa. The Dalton country school, located just one-half mile east of her home, was where Eileen began her education. In 1947 when the small country school closed, she rode the bus into Colo to attend school. She graduated from high school with the class of 1958. Eileen attended Iowa State Teachers College, now University of Northern Iowa, at Cedar Falls, Iowa, earning her elementary education teacher's certification.

On June 29, 1960, Eileen and Gerald Edward Klonglan, son of Willene Maland and Bernie Klonglan, were married at the Memorial Lutheran Church in Nevada, Iowa. Jerry was born April 1, 1936, at Nevada. He graduated from Fernald High School in 1954 and from Iowa State College in 1958. Eileen and Jerry resided the first four years of their marriage in the old World War II galvanized quonset huts known as Pammel Court at the college. At that time Jerry was completing his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in rural sociology. He is currently professor and chair of the department of sociology and anthropology at Iowa State University.

Eileen taught sixth grade at Story City, Iowa, for three of those years, and then returned to college at Iowa State to earn her B.S. in elementary education in 1964. She taught fourth grade two more years at Meeker Elementary School in Ames, located just four blocks from their home.

Eileen and Jerry's two children were both born in Ames: Jason Becvar Klonglan on March 20, 1969, and Suzanne Elizabeth Klonglan on February 23, 1972. In 1980 they moved into their present home on Maxwell Avenue. Eileen enjoys craft and needlework projects, traveling and collecting genealogical information.

by Eileen Klonglan

BECVAR - MORGAN
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Mary (Becvar) and James Morgan, Paris, France, 1982.

Mary, of Winslow, of Mary (Husted), of Sarah Taylor (Countryman), of Cornelius, of Henry, of Fredrick, of Andreas, of Johan Frederich.

Mary Jean Becvar, oldest child of Winslow Elias "Jim" and Irene (Nehring) Becvar, was born 25 August 1928, in the family's small farmhouse located in Sherman Township, Story County, about 4½ miles north of Colo, Iowa. This farm home still stands on the original site.

In February 1932 I moved with my parents and brother Vernon to the small farm owned by Dr. S.B. Goodenow in Dalton community,

New Albany Township, Story County, southwest of Colo, Iowa. This farm with its old house and run-down buildings was my childhood home, and my parents continued to live there for several years after I was married.

In 1934, at the age of six years I started school in Dalton Community No. 9 country school, walking almost two miles each morning and evening. I share with my siblings, and Becvar cousins who lived across the field from us, many experiences and memories of Dalton community and school. We had many an adventure and settled many school disagreements daily as our legs walked us to and back from school.

After finishing eighth grade I entered Colo High School and graduated in May 1946. I planned to enroll in business college the following fall so took employment in Marshalltown, Iowa, during the summer. In June 1946 I met James Martin Morgan, formerly of Washta, Iowa, son of Edward and Blanche (Stoneking) Morgan (she died in 1929 when Jim was just a few months old). With the approval of our parents, we were married 5 November 1946 in Kansas City, Kansas. After our marriage we resided in the Marshalltown, State Center, and Colo, Iowa, areas before moving to Cherokee, Iowa, in January 1954. We resided on a farm in the Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church area, south of Marcus, working with Jim's aunt and uncle, Delbert and Inez (Stoneking) Lepper. In 1957 we purchased a home in Quimby, Iowa, and in 1965 we built the new home where we now live.

Jim has been employed by Simonsen Manufacturing Company in Quimby, Iowa, since 1956. In March 1960 he was appointed sales service representative for Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska. This year he is still traveling for the sales department after 30 years.

In December 1963 I went to work as a secretary-bookkeeper for the Willow Community School system. In May 1976 I retired to travel with my salesman husband, and to enjoy my children and grandchildren. We are active members of the Quimby United Methodist Church and have served in many areas of church work. Our girls were all married in the church and some of the grandchildren were baptized there. We are parents of three daughters, Kathryn Irene (Kathy), Sally Jean, and Connie kay.

Kathy, born 5 January 1948 in Marshalltown, Iowa, graduated from Willow High School in 1966, and in 1970 from Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in physical education. On 2 June 1968 she married Mark Warren Simonsen, son of Doyle and Margaret (Rasmussen) Simonsen. Issue, four children: Kelly Jo, born 12 November 1970; Kerry Sue, born 9 November 1972; Matthew James, born 19 September 1975; and Kent Warren, born 12 December 1981. All were born in Cherokee, Iowa, where the Simonsens live two miles west in the Schoon-Harrison Addition. Mark is manager of the feed and rendering plant of Simonsen's, Inc., in Quimby, Iowa. Kathy, a homemaker, is currently assistant girls' basketball coach at Cherokee Washington High School.

Sally, born 24 April 1951 in State Center, Iowa, graduated from Willow High School in 1969, and in 1973 from Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas, with degrees in business education and administration. On 22 November 1970 she married Charles August Knoben, son of Gordon and Betty (Preuss) Knoben. Issue, three daughters, all born in Cherokee, Iowa: Kimberly Kay, born 7 June 1974; Korrie Jean, born 24 October 1976; and Kristi Ann, born 30 July 1982. The Knobens live in Cherokee, Iowa, where Sally is a homemaker and bookkeeper for Chuck's business. Chuck has his own diesel truck repair garage.

Connie, born Friday 13 May 1955 in Cherokee, Iowa, graduated from Willow High School in 1973 and in 1976 from Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, with a degree in education. On 24 May 1975 she married David Josephs Carstens, son of Ernest and Hilda (Reinert) Carstens. Issue, three sons: Brian James, born 21 October 1976 in Ames, Iowa; Benjamin David, born 25 February 1979, Cherokee, Iowa; and James Peter, born 30 June 1981, Cherokee, Iowa. The Carstens live on an acreage east of Cushing, Iowa, where Dave raises hogs and is employed as manager of the Cushing Elevator Corp. Connie is a homemaker and substitute teacher for the Eastwood Community Schools of Cushing and Correctionville, Iowa.

by Mary Morgan

BECVAR, CARL STANLEY

F26

Carl Stanley, of Felix, of Mary (Husted), of Sarah Taylor (Countryman), of Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of Johan Frederich.

Carl Stanley Becvar, tenth child of Lois Caroline McIntosh and Felix Frederick Becvar, was born March 28, 1945, at State Center, Iowa. Stan was the first child of the family to be born in a hospital. He attended school at Colo, Iowa, graduated in 1963, and then attended Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa, for a short time.

Stan worked for the Iowa Paint Manufacturing Company in Des Moines, Iowa, until May of 1964. At that time he started his career with the federal government as a biological laboratory technician, microbiology.

Stan joined the United States Marine Corps in September of 1965 and married Carol Jo Ann Abbott December 21, 1965, at the Colo United Methodist Church. Carol was born November 11, 1947, at Ames, Iowa, to Violet E. and William H. Abbott. She went to school at Nevada, Iowa, and Colo, Iowa, and graduated at Colo in 1966. Stan left for Vietnam in March of 1966 for one year. He then spent the remaining few months of his military duty at Oceanside, California, with Carol.

They came back to Iowa in September of 1967. Stan returned to his job at the National Animal Disease Center, Ames, Iowa, to continue his career. Carol started her career with the Iowa Department of Transportation in 1970 as a municipal streets technician. They lived in several houses in the Colo and Nevada area until moving into their present home in 1980 at rural Nevada.

by Eileen Klonglan

BECVAR, DONALD & DELORES (TAPLIN)

F27

Donald, of Winslow, of Mary (Husted), of Sarah Taylor (Countryman), of Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of Johan Frederich.

Donald Ray Becvar, son of Winslow Elias "Jim" and Irene (Nehring) Becvar, was born 14 April 1932 on a farm southwest of Colo, New Albany Township, Story County, Iowa. He attended Dalton Community No. 9 country school and graduated from Colo Iowa Community High School in May 1950.

In April 1951 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served four years. He completed boot training at San Diego, California, was then based at Memphis, Tennessee, and in 1953 served in the USS *Saipan* , which was on tour duty in the Far East. After completing a 'round the world cruise and tour duty near Korea, the USS *Saipan* returned to the U.S.

When Don's four years of service were completed he returned to Colo, Iowa, and enrolled in the University of Northern Iowa at Cedar Falls, Iowa. He graduated with an education degree and taught high school social studies and drivers' education at United Community of Boone, Guttenberg, Lake View, Schleswig, and Sabula, Iowa. In 1969 he enrolled at Bemidji State College, Bemidji, Minnesota, and taught part time at the Park Rapids, Minnesota, high school. He is now employed by Bemidji State College and resides in Bemidji, Minnesota.

Don married Delores Ann Taplin, daughter of Allison and Rose (Haiar) Taplin, on 4 June 1969 in Sabula, Iowa. He has one daughter, Ann Margaret, born 14 May 1970 in Bemidji, Minnesota.

by Mary Morgan

BECVAR, DWIGHT ROSS

F28

Dwight, of Felix, of Mary (Husted), of Sarah Taylor (Countryman), of Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of Johan Frederich.

Dwight Ross Becvar, ninth child of Lois Caroline McIntosh and Felix Frederick Becvar, was born June 2, 1943, at Colo, Iowa. He attended the Colo public school, graduating in 1961. Dwight joined the Marine Corp Reserves the following summer and was active in his unit for eight years. He helped at home on the family farm until 1964 when he enrolled at Ellsworth Junior College in Iowa Falls, Iowa. Two years later Dwight returned to full-time farming in the Colo area, where he farmed with his brother Ron on the family farm and also rented additional ground in the community.

On February 17, 1968, Dwight married Rita Ann Bauge, daughter of Marguerite Berrett and Elden Bauge, at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Ames, Iowa. Rita was born May 1, 1944, in Ames and graduated from Ames High School in 1962. She has been employed in various receptionist and office work positions wherever they have resided.

In the fall of 1968 Dwight began to work

for Farren Implement in Colo, Iowa. In 1971 J.I. Case purchased the dealership and since that time Dwight has been employed with the Case Company.

Dwight and Rita lived for the next ten years in the Colo community where Dwight was the local Boy Scout master, was active in the volunteer fire department, and was chairman of the planning and zoning commission. During this time two daughters were born, Amy Sue on February 17, 1970, and Allison Renae on December 23, 1971.

The Case store in Colo closed out in 1977 and Dwight was transferred by the company to Iowa Falls, Iowa, and then to Rexburg, Idaho, in June of 1981. Due to new store openings in central Iowa, Dwight returned to the area, accepting a position at the Case Power & Equipment store at Boone, Iowa. He collects antique tractors and gasoline engines. Dwight and Rita presently live on an acreage northeast of Boone, Iowa.

by Eileen Konglan

Felix F. Becvar family at the Colo, Iowa, city park in July 1949. Back row, left to right: Robert, his wife Betty and daughter Marcia, Ruth, Joann, Audre, Lois and daughter Dorothy, and Felix. Middle row: Billie (blonde), Harold, and Eileen. Front row in descending size: Dwight, Stan, and Ron.

BECVAR, FELIX F. "MIKE" & LOIS McINTOSH

F29

Felix Frederick Becvar (1904–1962). Photo taken about 1928.

Felix, of Mary (Husted), of Sarah Taylor (Countryman), of Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of Johan Frederich.

Felix Frederick Becvar was the third son of John Jacob and Mary Eleanor (Husted) Becvar. He was born April 13, 1904, in the log cabin built by his father on a farm purchased and homesteaded northeast of Pine City, Minnesota, in the little community known as Hustletown. Felix, along with his three brothers and sister, attended the Hustletown District No. 1 school.

As Felix grew to manhood, he began hiring out as a farmhand, first locally and then to others more distant. About 1923 he and his brother Winslow journeyed into northern Iowa picking corn by hand wherever they could find work. When the harvesting was over, Felix found employment for a while in a restaurant at New Hampton, Iowa. He then traveled on southward, locating at Colo, Iowa. During this time he met and worked with Patrick Fitzgerald, Sr. Subsequently they were nicknamed "Pat" and "Mike."

Felix, or "Mike," as he was now called by acquaintances, continued to work in the Colo area as a farmhand. It was then that he met his bride-to-be, Lois Caroline McIntosh, daughter of Martha Hemstock and Robert H. McIntosh. She was born June 21, 1908, near Nevada, Iowa. Mike and Lois were married May 28, 1928, at Nevada, Iowa. They began farming the Hank Hemping place east of Colo. About a year later they rented and moved to an 80-acre farm southwest of Colo in New Albany Township. Here Mike and Lois farmed and raised their growing family for nearly 20 years. To make ends meet and hopefully save for a farm of their own, they also rented two additional parcels of land nearby.

Twelve children were born to this hardworking and energetic couple: Robert John on May 1, 1929; Lois Joann on January 10, 1931; Felix Frederick, Jr., born and died on February 8, 1932; Ruth Caroline, born June 1, 1933; Audre Eleanor on December 6, 1934; Wilma Pauline on September 5, 1936; Franklin Harold on October 8, 1938; Donna Eileen on April 2, 1940; Dwight Ross on June 2, 1943; Carl Stanley on March 28, 1945; Ronald Edward on March 16, 1947; and Dorothy Jane on October 5, 1948.

Mike was a quiet man and a strict disciplinarian. He tried to teach his children to live good, healthy lives, to be responsible, honest and sincere. They were all given farm chores to do as soon as they became strong enough to help out. His resourcefulness and organizational skills were good learning tools. Lois's gentle nature helped mold each child's personality.

Mike especially enjoyed fishing, often taking the whole family on Saturdays or Sundays to picnic, fish, or just enjoy nature. Looking back we wonder how we all fit into the 1939 Ford on those outings. Mike took great pride in his well-kept farmstead, using his carpentry skills to build and repair whatever was needed. In 1952 Mike and Lois achieved one of their goals when they pruchased and moved onto a 160-acre farm located one mile south and one mile east of Colo. Their extended family continued to increase in size as sons and daughters married and started families of their own.

Sadness came over the whole family in the early 1960s. On May 8, 1960, Robert John, the eldest son, died from cancer, leaving a wife and five small children. He was buried in the Nevada Cemetery next to his infant brother and maternal grandparents. On October 18, 1962, Mike suffered a fatal heart attack while harvesting his crop of soybeans. This second loss was again felt by many relatives and friends. Mike was buried in a new family plot in the Colo Cemetery near the grave of George Lantz, one of the first farmers for whom he had worked in the Colo area. Less than a year later, on September 9, 1963, a grandson was killed in a tractor accident. Three years later tragedy came to the family once more. On August 27, 1965, Dorothy Jane, the youngest daughter, was killed in an automobile accident near Ida Grove, Iowa. She was buried near her father in the Colo Cemetery.

After Mike's death in 1962, Lois and her three youngest sons worked hard to keep the farm going. In 1976 the youngest son, Ronald, purchased and moved onto the farmstead, while Lois bought a house in Colo that had a large yard and place for a flower bed. Her last years were filled with many visits and calls from her friends, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. On January 3, 1977, Lois died of cancer and was laid to rest beside her husband and daughter in the Colo Cemetery.

by Eileen Klonglan

BECVAR, FRANKLIN HAROLD

F30

Franklin Harold, of Felix, of Mary (Husted), of Sarah Taylor (Countryman), of Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of Johan Frederich.

Franklin Harold Becvar, seventh child of Lois Caroline McIntosh and Felix Frederick Becvar, was born October 8, 1938, at Colo, Iowa. Harold began his education at the Dalton country school. When it closed its doors in 1947 he went on to the Colo public school, graduating with the class of 1956.

Until early 1961 Harold was engaged in farming with his father and brothers and for other farmers in the neighborhood. In the winters he helped Ray Wier shell corn. A three-year enlistment in the U.S. Army took Harold to Ft. Riley, Kansas, and then on to Ft. Bliss, Texas. At Ft. Bliss he was an electronics instructor for the HAWK missile system. While in the army Harold started to use his first name as a matter of convenience. Since that time he has been known as Frank.

When he left the army in 1964 Frank stayed on in El Paso, Texas, and began working for the Dictaphone Corporation. For seven years he was a district manager. At present he is a senior technician for Dictaphone. On November 19, 1962, he married Natalia Mendoza, daughter of Lupe and Tomas Mendoza. They live in El Paso. Frank enjoys fishing in the area and spends some of his leisure time working on his two trucks and 1959 Ford Thunderbird.

by Eileen Klonglan

BECVAR, ROBERT JOHN

F31

Robert, of Felix, of Mary (Husted), of Sarah Taylor (Countryman), of Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of Johann Frederich.

Robert John Becvar was the first born son of Lois Caroline McIntosh and Felix Frederick Becvar. He was born May 1, 1929, at Colo, Iowa, and named after both his grandfathers, Robert McIntosh and John J. Becvar. "Bobbie" or "Bob," as he was called, attended the Dalton country school and in 1946 graduated from Colo High School. He married Betty Lou Anderson of Ames, Iowa, daughter of Margaret and Francis Anderson, in 1948. Bob and Betty farmed briefly at Stanhope, Iowa, and State Center, Iowa, before settling in the Colo, Iowa, area. Three daughters and two sons were born to them.

Their first daughter, Marcia Kay, was born March 1, 1949. She is now married to Ronald Smith, son of Lena and Harold Smith. They have three children: Jodi Alane, born July 29, 1971; Robert John, born July 25, 1975; and Dorothy Ashley-Jane, born March 6, 1984. The family lives at Fernald, Iowa.

Their second daughter, Lois Elaine, was born June 29, 1950, and is married to Dennis McKinney, son of Valborg and Vernon McKinney. They have three sons: Jeffrey Allen, born December 12, 1971; Joshah Allen, born July 15, 1974; and Tobin James, born July 7, 1978. They also live at Fernald, Iowa.

Bob and Betty's third child and first son, Michael John, was born September 9, 1952. He married Joleen Sass, daughter of Ruby and LeRoy Sass. They have three daughters: Andrea Michelle, born January 8, 1971; Tamara Jo, born February 1, 1972; and Katrina Ann, born September 18, 1975. Michael and Jo live at Ft. Collins, Colorado.

Bob and Betty's fourth child, Virginia Lou, was born February 27, 1955. Ginny married Stephen Fruehling, son of Lois and Harry Fruehling. They have one son, Thaddeus Lee, born July 15, 1977. They live at Schleswig, Iowa.

Their last child, Paul Wesley, was born May 16, 1958. He married Cindy Flack, daughter of Clara and Aldean Flack. They have three children: Michele Lynn, born April 8, 1976; Michael Paul, born March 30, 1978; and Melissa Ann, born August 8, 1985. Paul and Cindy live at Fernald, Iowa.

Robert John Becvar was farming southwest of Colo, Iowa, on the same farm his parents had rented for many years at the time of his death on May 8, 1960. He was buried in the Nevada Cemetery at Nevada, Iowa, next to an infant brother and maternal grandparents. Betty remarried in 1967 to Verlys R. Wiese. They live at Nevada, Iowa.

by Eileen Klonglan

BECVAR, RONALD EDWARD

F32

Ronald, of Felix, of Mary (Husted), of Sarah Taylor (Countryman), of Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of Johan Frederich.

Ronald Edward Becvar, eleventh child of Lois Caroline McIntosh and Felix Frederick Becvar, was born March 16, 1947, at Mary Greeley Hospital in Ames, Iowa. He attended the Colo Community School at Colo, Iowa, graduating in 1965. At the time of their father's death in 1962, Ron and his brothers helped their mother maintain the family farm. Following high school graduation Ron continued farming while also serving six years in the Army Reserve.

On September 30, 1967, Ron married Ellen Jane Parrish, daughter of Vonis Anderson and Clifford R. Parrish, at the Central Presbyterian Church in Nevada, Iowa. Ellen was born August 9, 1948, in Ames, Iowa. She has memories of going with her father on his veterinarian calls. She graduated from Nevada High School in 1966 and attended the American Institute of Business in Des Moines, Iowa. Ellen was employed in secretarial work until the birth of their first child. Shelley Lynn Becvar was born June 11, 1972. A son, Brad Lee Becvar, was born November 22, 1975, at Ames, Iowa.

Several months after their marriage, Ron and Ellen moved onto the home farm southeast of Colo. In 1976 they purchased the farm. Besides farming the home 160 acres, Ron began renting more cropland. He is now crop farming 772 acres. In his time away from farming, Ron enjoys hunting, fishing, and photographing wildlife. He also has his pilot license and does volunteer work with the Story County Sheriff's office.

by Eileen Klonglan

BECVAR, VERNON

F33

Vernon, of Winslow, of Mary (Husted), of Sarah Taylor (Countryman), of Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of Johan Frederich.

Vernon Winslow Becvar, son of Winslow Elias "Jim" and Irene (Nehring) Becvar, was born 30 November 1929 on a farm southwest of State Center, Marshall County, Iowa. I attended Dalton Community No. 9 country school and graduated from Colo High School, Colo, Iowa, on 13 May 1948.

On October 23, 1948, I enlisted in the U.S. Navy and now am a retired career chief petty officer residing in Middleburg, Florida. I worked as an aviation electronics technician and later as an aviation fire control technician. I served aboard the aircraft carriers USS *Hancock,* USS *Coral Sea,* and USS *Roosevelt* with fighter squadrons. I served one tour of duty with Patrol Squadron 26 in Maryland and Maine. I sailed in the Atlantic, the Caribbean, the Mediterranean, the Pacific, and the western Pacific command area. I spent time at the NAS Atsugi, Japan, and visited port communities in the areas where the ships operated. I was billeted at naval air stations on both the East Coast and the West Coast of the continental U.S. and received training for aircraft maintenance work at Memphis, Tennessee. I took recruit training at San Diego, California, and my last permanent duty station was at Key West, Florida.

On 13 December 1952 I married Nadine Leah Fish, daughter of Raymond and Clair (Caron) Fish, at Rochester, Strafford County, New Hampshire. Nadine died 11 August 1980 and is buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lewiston, Androscoggin County, Maine. We were the parents of eight children, Raymond Winslow, Richard Eugene, Juanita Marie, James Michael, Cheryl Elaine, Dana Mark, Kevin Howard Joseph, and Belinda Rae.

Raymond Winslow Becvar was born 29 April 1953 at NAS Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida. He married Debbie P. Nadeau on 1 September 1973 at St. Joseph's Church, Lewiston, Androscoggin, Maine. They were divorced in 1981. Issue: Paula Rae, born 1 July 1978 at Jackson, Mississippi; and Peter Winslow, born 14 April 1981 at Lewiston, Maine. Raymond served a brief stint with the U.S. Army in 1973 and on 26 May 1978 he graduated from Jackson College of Ministries, Jackson, Mississippi. Raymond presently resides in Lewiston, Maine.

Richard Eugene Becvar was born 9 March 1954 at NAS Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida. He married Jeanine King on 11 January 1973 at St. Joseph's Church, Lewiston, Androscoggin County, Maine. Issue: Tonya, born 13 November 1973; and Aron, born 15 September 1975. Richard served several years with the U.S. Army at Fort Hood, Texas, and at Gelnhausen, Germany, and now resides in Lewiston, Maine.

Juanita Marie Becvar was born 3 February 1955 at NAS Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida. She married Charles Gilmore Brad-

street, Jr., on 26 December 1972 at Lisbon, Maine. Issue: Tammy Lynn, Shelly Rae, born 28 March 1974, and Penny Marie, born 21 October 1975, all born at Lewiston, Maine. The Bradstreet family resides in Poland, Androscoggin, Maine.

James Michael Becvar was born 14 July 1956 at Coronado, San Diego County, California. He married Roberta Auger on 3 September 1979 at Lewiston, Androscoggin, Maine. Issue: Shawna, born 4 February 1977 and Jessica, born 7 February 1978, stepchildren adopted by Richard; James Michael II, born 26 July 1980; Jason Marc, born 13 December 1981; and Sheena Jean, born 22 October 1984. James Michael Becvar was an All-Star Little League baseball player. He graduated from Edward Little High School, Auburn, Androscoggin County, Maine, where he played baseball on the varsity team and participated in the Maine state baseball tournament. He and Roberta live with their family in Lewiston, Maine.

Cheryl Elaine Becvar was born 23 November 1957 at Coronado, San Diego County, California. She married Paul Nadeau on 11 January 1975; they were divorced in 1981. Issue: Michele Rae, born 9 October 1975. On 25 May 1985 Cheryl married Wayne Milliken; no issue. They reside in Poland, Maine.

Dana Mark Becvar was born 13 July 1960 at Lewiston, Androscoggin County, Maine. He married Diane LeBrun on 14 July 1984. Issue: Megan Marie, born 13 January 1985. Dana served one tour of duty with the U.S. Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton, California. Dana and Diane reside in Lewiston, Maine.

Kevin Howard Joseph Becvar was born 16 February 1966 at Lewiston, Androscoggin County, Maine. He is a graduate of Edward Little High School, Auburn, Maine. Kevin resides in Lewiston, Maine.

Belinda Rae Becvar, born 10 February 1972, resides in Poland, Androscoggin County, Maine.

After leaving the naval service I attended Bemidji State University, Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, and received an Associate of Science degree in 1976. I also qualified to become a television receiver serviceman through correspondence in 1967 with RCA Institutes, New York, New York, and applied that trade for several years in Lewiston and Auburn, Maine.

by Vernon Becvar

BECVAR, WINSLOW "JIM" & IRENE (NEHRING)

F34

Winslow, of Mary (Husted), of Sarah Taylor (Countryman), of Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of Johan Frederich.

Winslow Elias "Jim," son of John Jacob and Mary Elinor (Eleanor) Husted Becvar, was born in the countryside outside of Sleepy Eye, Leavenworth Township, Brown County, Minnesota, 13 September 1902. His father called him "little Jim" after his brother, Jim Becvar, and thereafter he was always known as Jim.

Irene (Nehring) and Winslow E. "Jim" Becvar, taken for their Golden Wedding Anniversary open house, January 1978.

By early April 1904, Jim, his parents and older brother, John Jacob, Jr., were living on land homesteaded by his father in Chengwatana Township, Pine County, northeast of Pine City, Minnesota, in Hustletown community. The family lived in a small log cabin built by John Becvar, and Jim often told about the boys sleeping in the unfinished loft over the living quarters. When company came all the boys, Becvar brothers and guests, slept in the hayloft in the barn, also built by John. During a family conversation in May 1978, cousin Raymond Husted recalled visiting the Becvar farm and sleeping in the barn with the boys.

Jim attended Hustletown No. 1 country school, completed the eighth grade, and enrolled in the Pine City, Minnesota, high school. One day during World War I Jim, who was only 16 years old, and a friend decided to join the army. This effort was not successful as the lady at the courthouse knew the boys and told them to come back when they were older. After completing three years of high school, Jim decided to end his formal education and go to work. After the school year ended he caught a train to northern Iowa, stopping near New Hampton where he worked as a day laborer on a farm. His brother, Felix known as "Mike," soon followed him to Iowa and the pair went to the Marshall and Story County area. It was not long before they met another pair of brothers, Harry and Ernest Nehring. One night at a dance the Nehring brothers introduced Jim to their sister, Irene Margaret Nehring.

On 3 January 1928, Irene and Jim were married in the parsonage in Nevada, Iowa. After a wedding trip to Jim's parents' home near Pine City, Minnesota, the couple settled on the Merle Thornton farm, located 4½ miles north of Colo, Iowa. On 25 August 1928, their first child, Mary Jean, was born. In 1929 the Becvars moved to a farm southwest of State Center, Iowa, and here a son, Vernon Winslow, was born on 30 November 1929.

On the Thornton farm Jim suffered a knee injury that would not heal. After the move to State Center he was taken to Iowa City, Iowa, university hospitals for observation and treatment. Doctors found it necessary to amputate his right leg above the knee. After convalescence, many part-time jobs and frustrating attempts to support his family, Dr. S.B. Goodenow offered Jim a second chance to farm. Always thankful for this new start, and being grateful to Doc, a close relationship developed between the two men. Dad was never known to complain about his disability and always made sure he pulled his share of the work.

In late February 1932 the family moved to the Goodenow farm in Dalton community. On 14 April 1932 a son, Donald Ray, was born. On 9 Septembr 1933, daughter Fern Margaret arrived in the old farmhouse. It was a tough struggle just to survive — days were long and hard, horses were the only means of power, cows were milked by hand, and farm chores took many hours. New buildings and fences replaced the old, and the old house was constantly in need of repair. By today's standards we were very poor and as children we did not realize the situation, but I am sure our parents were very much aware of it.

On 5 November 1946, daughter Mary married James Morgan, and on 23 October 1948, son Vernon joined the navy. Jim and Irene became grandparents on 5 January 1948 when Kathryn (Kathy) Irene Morgan joined the family. In 1950 the Becvars moved to a larger Goodenow farm 1½ miles southwest of Colo, Iowa. In April 1951 son Don joined the navy, and a second granddaughter, Sally Jean Morgan, arrived on 24 April 1951. In January 1953 my parents celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in their farm home. Daughter Fern married Kenneth Harrison on 3 September 1953. Issue: David Wayne and Jeffrey Lee. Son Vernon married Nadine Fish on 13 December 1952. Issue: Raymond, Richard, Juanita, James, Cheryl, Dana, Kevin, and Belinda. On 13 May 1955 Connie Kay Morgan was born. On 4 June 1969 son Don married Delores Ann Taplin and they have one daughter, Ann Margaret.

In the winter of 1963 Jim and Irene retired from the farm and moved to Colo, Iowa. On Sunday, January 8, 1978, the couple clebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in the Colo Methodist Church. Jim died 8 June 1982 in Cherokee, Iowa, after a two-month illness from a heart attack. He is buried in the Colo Iowa Cemetery. Irene lives alone in their home in Colo.

by Mary Morgan

BENJAMIN, DAVID LYN

F35

David, of Jo (McCoy), of Elma (Gore), of Marcella J. (Countryman), of Isiah, of George.

David Lyn Benjamin is the first son of Samuel and Jo (McCoy) Benjamin, grandson of Ivan R. and Elma B. (Gore) McCoy, great-grandson of Everett R. and Marcella J. (Countryman) Gore, and the great-great-grandson of Isiah and Sarah (Crull) Countryman.

David was born in Oak Park, Illinois, on April 3, 1956. He is now attending Northeastern College in Chicago. He was married to

David L. and Susan Marie (Winter) Benjamin.

Susan Marie Winter on October 23, 1982. David's profession, temporarily, is dealing with autos. Sue has a bachelor's degree and works with special children. She is a very special person with many talents.

by Jo Benjamin

BENJAMIN, STEVEN ROGER

F36

Steven, of Jo (McCoy), of Elma (Gore), of Marcella J. (Countryman), of Isiah, of George.

Steven Roger Benjamin is the second son of Samuel R. and Jo (McCoy) Benjamin, grandson of Ivan R. and Elma B. (Gore) McCoy, great-grandson of Everett R. and Marcella J. (Countryman) Gore, and great-great-grandson of Isiah and Sarah (Crull) Countryman.

He was born August 20, 1959, in Oak Park, Illinois, and resided in the city of Chicago for the last 26 years. He attained high school in Chicago and is presently considering furthering his education. He has achieved many difficult goals thus far in life. Steven is an excellent person with high standards and unusually high morals. He is diligent, self-employed, and will continue to do well in the future.

by Jo Benjamin

BIGGERS - KEY

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Ozella Ann, of James Joseph, of Mary Elizabeth (Countryman).

Howard Walton Key, first child of Joseph Staunton and Susan McIntosh (Snider) Key, was born 6 November 1851, Lumpkin, Georgia. He died 13 March 1911, Columbus, Georgia, and was buried in Linwood Cemetery, Columbus. He married 22 December 1874 Ozella Ann Biggers, daughter of James Joseph Walton and Caroline Esterdes (Williams) Biggers. Ozella was born 19 June 1853 near Fortson, Harris County, Georgia, and died 21 January 1923, Columbus, Georgia. She also was buried in Linwood Cemetery. Howard Walton and Ozella Ann (Biggers)

Steven Roger Benjamin.

Key had seven children:

Joseph Staunton Key was born 29 September 1875 in Georgia. He died in a train wreck 20 March 1901 about two miles above Chipley, which was about 35 miles north of Columbus, Georgia, while on his way to Greenville, Georgia. He was buried in Linwood Cemetery, Columbus, Georgia. He never married. He was named after his father's father.

James Biggers Key was born 21 June 1877 in Harris County, Georgia, and died 3 April 1959, Columbus, Georgia. He was married 3 March 1897 at Jackson, Tennessee, to Lyda Mae Botts, daughter of John Thomas and Eliza Ann (Tomlin) Botts. Lyda was born 30 April 1878, Jackson, Tennessee, and died 18 April 1976, Columbus, Georgia. Both James and Lyda are buried in Parkhill Cemetery, Columbus, Georgia. James was named after his mother's father.

Ozella Ann Key was born 20 August 1879, Cuthbert, Georgia, and died 10 February 1973, Columbus, Georgia. She married Ernest L. Blankenship, born 18 March 1879, died 19 October 1929. Both are buried in Parkhill Cemetery, Columbus, Georgia.

Howard Walton Key, Jr., was born 26 May 1884, Cuthbert, Georgia, and died 12 June 1968, Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Texas. He is buried in Seaside Memorial Park, Corpus Christi. He was married 28 August 1906 at Columbus, Georgia, to Annie Celeste Dismuke, daughter of William Haynes and Minnie Lu (Williams) Dismuke. Celeste was born 26 August 1888, Columbus, Georgia, died 31 December 1954, Columbus, Georgia, and buried in Linwood Cemetery, Columbus.

Emma Worrill Key was born 9 November 1887, Cuthbert, Georgia, and died 4 October 1978, Ft. Worth, Texas. She was married 1 January 1908 at Columbus, Georgia, to Jonathan Ballock Chase, Sr., son of Jonathan and Charlena Mary (Barnett) Chase. Jonathan was born 6 March 1883 in Weeping Water, Nebraska, and died 29 January 1949, Dallas, Texas. Both Emma and Jonathan are buried in Dallas. Emma was named after her mother's twin sister.

Benjamin Witt Key was born 3 April 1890 in Harris County, Georgia, and died 18 January 1964 at Columbus, Georgia, buried in Linwood Cemetery there. He married first Claude Ella West, daughter of W.H. and Ella (Andrews) West, on 19 September 1912. She died in 1918. Benjamin married second Mary Kate Clements about 1926 in Woodbury, Georgia. Benjamin was named after his father's only brother.

Bascom Biggers Key was born 22 July 1892 at Athens, Alabama, and died 24 January 1957, Columbus, Georgia, where he and his wife are buried in Parkhill Cemetery. On 14 January 1914 at Columbus, Georgia, he married Ella May Crawford, daughter of James and Eva (Henderson) Crawford. Ella May was born 23 October 1893, Columbus, Georgia, and died 10 October 1977, Columbus. Bascom was named after his mother's only brother.

by Judith Wakeman

BIGGERS, JAMES JOSEPH WALTON & CAROLINA (WILLIAMS)

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James, of Mary Elizabeth (Countryman), of Andrew.

James Joseph Walton Biggers was the sixth child of Joseph and Mary Elizabeth (Countryman) Biggers, who came from South Carolina to Georgia; both are buried in the Biggers Cemetery, Muscogee, Georgia. Their other children were: Permelia Lenethas Biggers (1802–1895), who married John Mullin; Ptolemus Jefferson Biggers (1808–1885), who married Matilda F. Coleman; Lorenzo Madison Biggers (1811–1875), who married Ann Elizabeth Dent; Malissa Ann Biggers (ca. 1816–?–), who married George W. Douglas; Francis Marion Biggers (1818–1862), who married Margaret Louisa Gaston; and Andrew Jackson Biggers (1822–1887), who married Virginia McBain.

James Joseph Walton Biggers was born 9 July 1823 at Yorktown, York County, South Carolina and died 5 December 1898. He was a Methodist and served the Confederacy during the Civil War. He was married 24 December 1851 at Muscogee County, Georgia, to Carolina Esterdes Williams, daughter

of Alfred and Katherine Ann (Stephenson) Williams. She was born in March 1825 in Darlingon County, South Carolina, and died in December 1909. Both are buried in Linwood Cemetery, Columbus, Georgia.

James and Carolina (Williams) Biggers had eight children: Mary E. Valeria Biggers (1853–1854). Ozella Ann Biggers (1855–1923) married Howard Walton Key, Sr. Emma B. Biggers (1855–1934), twin of Ozella, married James H. Worrill. Clara E. Biggers (1856–1856). Susan Lee Biggers (1857–1879) never married. Lola Walton Biggers (1859–1873) never married. Bascom Hill Biggers (1861–?–) married Maggie Brewster Pease. Vesta M. Biggers (1863–1863).

by Judith Wakeman

BIGGERS, JOSEPH & ELIZABETH (COUNTRYMAN)

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Elizabeth, of Andrew III, of Andrew, Jr., of Andrew Francis, of Johann Fridrich.

Joseph Bigger and Elizabeth Countryman, his wife, left York County, South Carolina, in 1826. They first moved to Jasper County, Georgia, where they lived for two years. From there, the family moved to DeKalb County, Georgia, for a year and then came to Muscogee County, Georgia in 1829. Columbus was then only a village, having been laid out only a year before. The Indians were here in those days, not having been moved west until 1835. The country was still rough and practically unsettled and it took brave hearts to build up the wilderness into a thriving community. The Biggers were among those families of pioneers that helped develop Columbus.

Joseph Biggers was born in 1773 and died 3 July 1849 in Muscogee County, Georgia. Elizabeth Countryman, his wife, was born in 1781 and died 2 November 1851 in Muscogee County. They are both buried in the Biggers Family Cemetery in Muscogee County. Her father, Andrew Countryman III, was born ca. 1756 and died in 1790 in York County, South Carolina. His wife, Rhoda, died in Muscogee County, Georgia, and is buried there.

Joseph Biggers was of Scotch-Irish origin. He served in the War of 1812 and died a very wealthy man. Some of his descendants still live on the property he owned. The Biggers Cemetery is located in the woods on the property of one of his great-great-grandsons. It is in deplorable condition and needs to be renovated. It is almost impossible to find as trees, weeds, etc., have almost overtaken it.

Joseph and Elizabeth had seven children who were all born in York County, South Carolina.

Their children were: (1) Pamelia Lenethas, born 21 February 1802, married John Mullin, died 26 July 1895 in Alabama, buried in the Philadelphia Baptist Cemetery in Alabama; (2) Ptolemos Jefferson, born 1808, married Matilda F., died 1885 in Muscogee County, Georgia, buried in the Biggers Family Cemetery; (3) Lorenzo Madison (my ancestor), born 17 March 1811, married 17 March 1835 to Ann Elizabeth Dent, died 5 May 1875 in Muscogee County, Georgia, buried in the Biggers Cemetery; (4) Malissa Ann, born 1816, married 28 February 1839 to George W. Douglas in Muscogee County; (5) Francis Marion, born 24 September 1818, married Margaret L. Gaston, died 10 November 1862 in Muscogee County, Georgia, buried in the Biggers Cemetery; (6) James Joseph Walton, born 9 July 1821, married Caroline E. Williams 23 December 1851, died 1898, buried in Linwood Cemetery, Columbus, Georgia; and (7) Andrew Jackson, born 12 July 1822, married Virginia McBain 9 March 1871 in Campellton, Florida, died 28 May 1887 in Newton Dale, Alabama.

When the Biggers moved to Muscogee County, Georgia, in 1829, their oldest daughter, Pamelia, was already married to John Mullin. She remembered that when she first saw Columbus, Georgia, there was but one store in the settlement, built on legs and boarded up, and one blacksmith shop. She often saw Indians swim the Chattahoochee River, there being no bridge then.

Joseph Biggers and Elizabeth Countryman have many descendants who live in Muscogee County, Georgia.

by Dorothy Murphy

BIGGERS, LORENZO & ANN (DENT)

F40

Lorenzo Madison Biggers, son of Elizabeth (Countryman) Biggers.

Lorenzo, of Elizabeth (Countryman), of Andrew III, of Andrew, Jr., of Andrew Francis, of Johann Fridrich.

Lorenzo Madison Biggers was born 17 March 1811 in York County, South Carolina. He married Ann Elizabeth Dent 17 March 1835 in Muscogee County, Georgia, and died 5 May 1875 in Muscogee County. Ann Elizabeth Dent was born in Wilkes County, Georgia. She was the daughter of Michael Lawson Dent and Sarah Heard. She died 2 September 1900 in Muscogee County, Georgia. Both are buried in the Biggers Family Cemetery in Muscogee County, Georgia. Lorenzo was the third child and second son of Joseph Biggers and Elizabeth Countryman.

He and his wife had nine children, all born in Muscogee County, Georgia. He owned a great deal of land and several slaves and was a prosperous farmer. Part of the land he owned is now under water, as a power company lake developed there. Another part is the best residential section in Columbus, Georgia, and is where I live now.

At the time Lorenzo lived here it was way out in the country but is now part of the city of Columbus, a city of some 130,000 people. Lorenzo had red hair, blue eyes and a fair complexion. He was 5' 8" tall. He fought in the Indian War of 1836.

My grandmother, Madeline Virginia Biggers, was born 20 December 1852, in Muscogee County, Georgia. She was the eighth child of Lorenzo and Ann Elizabeth. She married Miles Green Wade 28 November 1875 and died 1 June 1941 in Smith's Station, Alabama. Miles was born 6 January 1851 in Smith's Station. His father was Thomas Henry Wade and his mother was Mary Comfort Robinson. He died 5 October 1903 in Smith's Station.

He and his wife are buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Smith's Station. He was a farmer and they had ten children, two of whom died in infancy. I knew my grandmother Wade well. She had red hair, freckles, and was about five feet tall. She was a graduate of LaVerte College in Talbotton, Georgia. She was active until the day she died at 86. Her youngest daughter, Annie Ruth, who never married, lived with her on the family farm in Smith's Station, Alabama.

My grandfather saw her playing marbles one day as he was visiting one of her sisters and fell in love with her. She was not pretty but had a good mind and was full of fun. One of her sons was a Rhodes Scholar and another made a fortune in Charlotte, North Carolina. My mother graduated from Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia, *cum laude* . She told me when they were children, her father would go to town (Columbus, Georgia) and buy shoes for all the family. My mother thought that was the reason she had bunions.

Although Smith's Station is only about 16 miles from Columbus, it is very much in the country. I remember visiting my grandmother and she had no inside bathroom and only a well for water. It was a big house and there were fireplaces in every room. Of course there were cows, chickens, horses, and pigs; I never liked to spend the night there, but my sister, Madelyn, loved it. There was always laughter and gaiety when the family got together. The Biggers were Scotch-Irish and they were always telling jokes. My mother never seemed to quite fit in as she was much more serious than her brothers and sisters.

by Dorothy Murphy

BINGHAM, VIRGINIA ROSE (COUNTRYMAN)

F41

The Wyoming Countrymans — Virginia, of Mark Ward, of Charles Raynor.

Virginia Rose (Countryman) Bingham, twin daughter and fifth child of Mark Ward

and Ida Irene (Irvine) Countryman, was born at Ft. Washakie, Wyoming, May 26, 1918. My twin sister and I were baptized in infancy by Fr. John Roberts, St. Michael's Indian Mission.

I received my education at the Countryman School; Fremont County Vocational High School, Lander, Wyoming; and Henager's Business College, Salt Lake City, Utah. My twin sister and I studied fencing under Leland Chase, Salt Lake City, and tutored by Joseph Vince, New York City.

I married Ellis M. Bingham February 15, 1942, at Salt Lake City, Utah. We later divorced. Our daughter, Judith Irene Bingham, was born January 7, 1954, at Ogden, Utah. She married John Leslie Carlson at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Boise, Idaho, August 20, 1980. They have one son, John Mark Carlson, born August 8, 1983, at St. Mark's Hospital, Salt Lake City, Utah.

I am a charter member of the Order of Job's Daughters; and an associate, the Community of the Holy Spirit, New York.

I received High Meritorious Award (civilian) from the United States Department of the Army in February 1946, Fort Stevens, Oregon. Fort Stevens was shelled from a Japanese submarine in the Columbia River in June 1942. Total blackout ensued until the end of World War II.

by Virginia C. Bingham

BOWER, RONALD & DARLENE (COUNTRYMAN)

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Standing: Ronald Wilson Bower. Seated: Ronald Berton Bower, holding Michael; Darlene (Countryman) Bower; and Carrie Bower.

Darlene, of Lloyd, of Delbert, of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad second, of Jacob, of Conrad first, of Johann Fredrich.

Darlene Louise Countryman was born August 7, 1946, to Lloyd Charles and Edna Earle (Neer) Countryman. She has two brothers and one sister, Larry, Jim, and Pamela.

After graduation from Woodbury Central High School, Darlene attended N.B.T. business college and married Ronald Berton Bower in 1965. They have three children: Ronald Wilson, born April 3, 1969; Carrie, born August 30, 1975; and Michael Wayne, born March 13, 1984.

Darlene worked at Montgomery Wards in the payroll department for five years. Then she worked for the F.W. Woolworth Company in their Woolco stores for 12 years until the closing of the stores in 1982. She was a traveling office supervisor and auditor for the six Woolco stores in Kansas City, including Columbia, Missouri; Topeka, Kansas; and St. Joseph, Missouri. She is currently staying at home with her children and enjoying being a housewife and mother.

The only son and eldest child, Ronald Berton Bower was born October 29, 1940, to Mayetta Francis Wood and Wilson Lawrence Bower. He has two sisters, Carol Jean, born in 1942, and Janet Gayle, born in 1947, and a stepsister, Shirley, born in 1936. Ronald served in the Army Corp of Engineers 4th Infantry in Vietnam in 1966 and 1967. After the service he resumed his job at Paul Reed Oven Company where he was a sheet metal maintenance man. In 1970 he worked for Farmland Industries in the battery plants, and in 1972 he started working for Owens Corning Fiberglass as a sheet metal maintenance man. He is currenty employed there, and is the union steward for the sheet metal maintenance depatment.

by Ronald Bower

BOYLE - CORDES

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James Constantine, Ann Cordes, Patty Cordes, Sarah Angotti, Mike Cordes, Gary Cordes, John Cordes, Bill G. Agnotti.

Patricia, of John, of Belle (Countryman), of James A., of Daniel.

Patricia Ann Boyle was born February 03, 1936, to Zella Fisher and John Greenleafe Boyle, Jr. Patty married Gary Wayne Cordes and they are the parents of six children, with the first three being born in Iowa City, Iowa. *Ann Elizabeth Cordes* was born April 03, 1959, and married James "Jamie" P. Constantine, the son of Tula and George (deceased) Constantine, on November 20, 1981. The Constantines are living in Des Moines, Iowa, and are expecting their first child in late September 1986. *John Charles Cordes* was born May 12, 1960. *Sarah Catherine Cordes* was born January 13, 1962, and married Gary R. Angotti, the son of Joyce and Rodney of DeKalb, Illinois, in June 1984. Gary was born July 27, 1962, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Angottis are living in the Chicago, Illinois, area. *Michael James Cordes* was born January 23, 1963. *William Garret Cordes* was born October 25, 1965. *Mary Patricia Cordes* was born June 30, 1970.

Recently, Patty and her sister Susan answered as request from their cousin Janet Current if they might be able to locate a photo of Caroline Klinkhart, their great-grandmother. The sisters went out to the farm that had been the home of Caroline and James Alonzo Countryman to seek out a box of memorabilia dating back to John Contreman dated August 20, 1788 — his will, a family record written after the death of Rachel Richards of February 1787, a letter of Daniel Countryman dated July 02, 1854, the handwritten diary of Caroline (Klinkhart) Countryman, a poem of Lee Shaw's to Aunt Carrie, and obituaries that were helpful.

During the early years of Patty and Gary's married life, they lived in the gracious home of her grandparents, Belle and John G. Boyle, Sr., on Linden Place at DeKalb, Illinois. Gary joined John Boyle, Jr., his father-in-law, to form the law office of Boyle-Cordes, attorneys at law, DeKalb, Illinois. The Cordes family lives in DeKalb, Illinois.

by Janet (Countryman) Current

BOYLE, JOHN & BELLE (COUNTRYMAN)

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Left to right: Floyd, Marion, Richard, Blanch, Jay, and Caroline Countryman; Belle Boyle; Frank Countryman; Patricia and John Boyle, Sr., and John Boyle, Jr.

Flora Belle, of James Alonzo.

Flora Belle Countryman, daughter of Caroline Klinkhart and James Alonzo Countryman, was born August 14, 1877, in Lynnville Township, Ogle County, Illinois, and married John Green leafe Boyle. John was born October 05, 1871, and died January 27, 1958. His funeral service was held January 29, 1958, at their home on Linden Place, DeKalb, Illinois, with Reverend William White conducting the service, and the burial was at Lawnridge Cemetery, Rochelle, Illinois. Belle's death followed October 16, 1962. Her funeral service was held at Ronan-Burch Mortuary of DeKalb, Illinois. The service was conducted October 18, 1962, with the Rev-

erend Clarence E. Ploch, and burial followed in the Lawnridge Cemetery, Rochelle, Illinois.

Belle, as she was always called, and John lived at DeKalb in a large white home on Linden Place. It was a lovely home and gracious feelings always greeted whoever visited the caring couple. John always had a wrapped piece of candy in his pocket for the children, while Belle was famous for the cookie jar. They had a pony stabled near the home and often in the 1940s treated the children to a ride in their cart pulled by the pony — what a treat. Great-grandmother Caroline lived with Belle and John until her death on June 9, 1949. During the last two years, "Grandma Carrie" was bedridden most of the time, but Belle saw to her needs. Many remember their visits to the Boyle home to see Grandma Carrie.

Two sons were born to Belle and John. The oldest, named John Greanleafe, Jr., born May 09, 1907. His brother, James Alonzo Countryman Boyle, was born May 08, 1913. At the age of three years James became ill. A child specialist from Iowa was called in for consultation. Two nurses were in constant attendance. At first the doctors thought James' illness was from ptomaine poisoning, but later spinal meningitis developed. The illness from the start was difficult to treat, as James was able to take very little food. James died at Vinton, Iowa, May 13, 1913, with the remains taken to James Alonzo Countryman's home in Rochelle, Illinois.

James Boyle was survived by his parents; brother, John, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Countryman and Mrs. Hannah Boyle, grandparents; Fite G. Rossman, aged great-grandfather of 96 years, all of whom were present for the funeral. Those attending from out of town were: Jay Countryman and Mr. Murphy, Vinton, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Countryman, Preston, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. John Countryman, Floyd Countryman, F.J. Rossman, Lindenwood; Mrs. Hannah Boyle and Mrs. Robert Fields, La Porte City, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Countryman, Lee Shaw, Rockford; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Perkins and Mrs. B. Fogleman, Creston.

by Janet (Countryman) Current

BOYLE, JOHN, JR. & ZELLA (FISHER)

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John, of Flora Belle (Countryman), of James Alonzo.

John Greenleafe Boyle, Jr., was born May 09, 1907, to Flora Belle Countryman and John Greenleafe Boyle, Sr. John, Jr., married August 07, 1933, Zella Fisher, the daughter of Della Keiran and Harlan Fisher, who was born July 11, 1907. John attended Northwestern University, practiced law as an attorney with his office in the Drs. Smith Building, DeKalb, Illinois, serving DeKalb County, Illinois, as their county attorney about 1950. He was on the board of supervisors in 1963 and served the state of Illinois as an assistant states attorney. He is now associated in the law office of Boyle and Cordes with his son-in-law, Gary Cordes.

Front: John Cordes, Ann Cordes, Zella Boyle, Floyd Countryman, Helen Countryman, Orvia Craft. Back: John Boyle, Jr., Sarah Cordes, Gary Cordes, Michael Cordes, John Countryman, John C. Craft. Taken at the Frank Countryman farm, July 12, 1964, Floyd's 90th birthday.

John and Zella Boyle were the parents of three children. (1) Patricia Ann was born February 03, 1936. She married Gary Wayne Cordes while he was a student at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. Patty and Gary are the parents of six children. (2) Susan Lucille was born August 12, 1938, and was employed as a statistician at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California, in 1966. She remains single. (3) James Greenleafe was born July 02, 1944, and attended law school in Austin, Texas. James married Carolyn Hinkley, who was born in Houston, Texas, and is the daughter of June and Kenneth Hinkley of Austin, Texas.

Zella Boyle died May 12, 1980. The funeral services were held in the First United Methodist Church of DeKalb, Illinois, conducted by Reverend Philip Holtsford. The burial was in the Lawnridge Cemetery, Rochelle, Illinois, on May 14, 1980.

by Janet (Countryman) Current

BREFFLE, BYRON & MARILYN (COUNTRYMAN)

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Marilyn, of Delbert J., of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

The family of Byron and Marilyn (Countryman) Breffle. Back row: Barbara and Barry. Front row: Byron, Marilyn, and Beverly.

I was born Marilyn Jean Countryman on February 22, 1938, to Delbert and Millie Countryman of Moville, Iowa. I was the youngest of seven children and the first and only baby to be born in a hospital. I spent my childhood years on the family farm 2½ miles east of Moville. During my childhood years on the farm, I remember many changes taking place as we acquired electricity and indoor plumbing with hot and cold running water.

I attended a one-room country schoolhouse one mile from our home for the grades K–8. I then attended four years of high school at Moville and graduated in 1956. At my commencement we were honored to have as our speaker the then Attorney General of Iowa, my cousin Dayton Countryman. After high school, I attended three years of nurse's training at Lutheran Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa (now St. Luke's Medical Center), graduating in 1959.

My first employment as an R.N. was in Minneapolis where I worked at Glenwood Hills Hospital for one year. I then moved back to Iowa and worked in Spirit Lake for four years.

While working in Spirit Lake I met Byron Lawrence Breffle, son of Robert and Violet Breffle of Lake Park, Iowa. We were married on September 6, 1964, at Moville, Iowa.

We began our married life in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where I worked at various nursing jobs and Byron worked for Montgomery Ward. On September 26, 1968, our first daughter, Barbara Jo, was born.

In 1970 we sold our home and moved to Fort Myers, Florida, where we lived for 1½ years. Our son, Barry Ronald, was born there November 1, 1970.

In 1971 we decided to move back to the Midwest and moved first to Minneapolis for one year, and then to Sioux City where we lived for 3½ years. While there, I worked for St. Lukes Medical Center and Byron was in sales for Bell and Howell Home Study Program.

In 1975 Byron was transferred to the Des Moines area and we moved to Ankeny, Iowa, and bought the home we now live in. Our third child, Beverly Jean, was born July 19, 1977.

Barbara is a senior this year at Ankeny High School, where she has excelled in her academic studies and is a member of the National Honor Society. She has studied dance for several years and has performed with Moves Jazz Dance Company for the last four years. She enjoys foreign language and plans to combine it with business as she heads toward college in 1987.

Barry is a sophomore at Ankeny High School. He also has excelled in his academic studies and is a member of the National Honor Society. He participates in wrestling, cross-country and tennis. This summer he joined RAGBRAI [the *Des Moines Register's* Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa] for a bike ride across Iowa and also participated in his first tri-athalon.

Beverly is in the fourth grade. She is also involved in swim team, dance, gymnastics, and foreign language.

Byron is presently in estate planning and travels most of the state of Iowa.

I am presently employed in home health care for Nursing Services of Iowa and am a sales representative for Creative Circle. I also

enjoy my hobbies of needlework, reading, and attending the various activities that the children participate in.

by Marilyn Breffle

BURDG, GARY & DONNA FAY (COUNTRYMAN)

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The Wyoming Countrymans — Donna Fay, of Elmer Collins, of Don Roscoe, of Charles Raynor.

My brother and I both graduated from Sheridan (Oregon) High School, Larry in June of 1958 and myself in June of 1954. After graduating from Capitol Business College in Salem, Oregon, in March of 1955, I worked in Portland, Oregon, for two years as executive secretary to the president of Pendleton Woolen Mills. On August 24, 1957, I married my high school sweetheart, Gary Hugh Burdg, in the Methodist Church in Sheridan, Oregon. Gary (born June 16, 1935, in Salem, Oregon) was the only child of Harley Claude Burdg and Thelma Lorene Warner. Gary graduated from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, in June 1957 and received his master's degree in June 1965.

Family picture of Donna Fay (Countryman) Burdg, her husband Gary, and children, Lorelle, age 19, and Troy, age 17. The photo was taken in 1977 in Woodburn, Oregon. Lorelle and Troy are grandchildren of Elmer Collins and Lenora "Dolly" Countryman.

On May 22, 1958, in Salem, Oregon, our daughter, Lorelle Kaylene, was born; and in June of 1959 we moved from Salem to Woodburn, Oregon, where Gary was employed by MacLaren School for Boys, an Oregon correctional institution for teenagers. Our second child, Troy Charles, was born on January 23, 1960, also in Salem. Gary's first few years as a classroom teacher, coach, and athletic director were very challenging as well as rewarding. Since the fall of 1969, Gary has gone into the administration field as MacLaren's vice-principal.

On August 8, 1975, Gary suffered a heart attack which completely damaged his posterior artery. Upon recovering, the doctors determined, through an arteriogram, that his main two arteries were well and strong enough that surgery was not required to repair the damaged area. A month later, I had surgery and we then proceeded to recuperate together.

Throughout the years, while we were raising our children, I worked as a bookkeeper and secretary; eight years for the Department of Labor and four years for a local construction firm before going into real estate sales and as assistant accountant for a forge and machine plant.

Our children, Lorelle and Troy, both graduated from Woodburn High School, Lorelle in June of '76 and Troy in June of '78. Lorelle's graduation was the last time my father was to our home in Woodburn. Upon graduation, Lorelle worked in a local pharmacy for a short period before going to work for a well-known seafood restaurant in Woodburn, Pier Four, where she is still employed as head waitress and supervisor. Troy attended the University of Oregon one year and Orange Coast Community College in California for two years. Troy is back in his home town of Woodburn, working and enjoying the great "ski areas" Oregon has to offer.

Over the years, we have enjoyed many good times together as a family, which always included both of our parents. We built two boats, a 14-foot run-about and a 24-foot cabin cruiser, both of which we enjoyed taking water skiing and fishing. Gary is an ardent golfer and I enjoyed caddying for him so we attended many golf tournaments throughout the years. Some of our family's most enjoyable memories were vacations and fishing trips which Gary, Lorelle, Troy and I experienced with our parents, Dolly and Elmer Countryman and Harley and Thelma Burdg.

When Gary's parents retired from their jobs in Sheridan, they built a home at the beach, Neskowin, Oregon, where they are both still living. They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and are both well and going strong at age 80 . . . I pray that we should all be so fortunate! My mother, Dolly, is still actively keeping up her lovely yard in Sheridan and enjoys knitting and playing cards with her many friends and neighbors. As secretary-treasurer and operations manager of a new multi-level program, Alpha Marketing, Ltd., I am very enthused about being in on the ground floor of a new company offering the very best in vitamins and health care items designed for our better living.

I am truly thankful for all the blessings bestowed upon our family over the years and that we have an opportunity to share these

experiences in this story for the "Countryman Family History" book.

by Donna Fay (Countryman) Burdg

CAFFALL, MILDRED ANNA (COUNTRYMAN)

F48

The Wyoming Countrymans — Mildred, of Mark Ward, of Charles Raynor.

Mildred Anna (Countryman) Caffall, twin daughter of Mark Ward and Ida Irene (Irvine) Countryman, was born May 26, 1918, at Ft. Washakie, Wyoming.

She received her education at the Countryman School; Fremont County Vocational High School, Lander, Wyoming; and Henager's Business College, Salt Lake City, Utah.

She is a charter member of Order of Job's Daughters, Lander, Wyoming. She is a member of the Animal Placement & Welfare Society and the Humane Society of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah; Associated Humane Societies, Newark, New Jersey; and the World Society for the Protection of Animals, Boston, Massachusetts. She was the recipient of a Meritorious Service Award presented by the World Trade Association of Utah for excellence and dedication in providing special services to Utah exporters.

Mildred married Donald Charles Caffall March 29, 1943, St. Mark's Cathedral, Salt Lake City, Utah. He is a former member of the Metropolitan Council on Aging, Advisory Committee on Handicapped Children under Governor Calvin R. Rampton, Developmental Disabilities Council of Utah and Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped; former chairman of the State Board on Aging; past president of the Mental Retardation Association of Utah (three two-year terms); and past vice-president of the Board of the Multiple Handicapped Day Care Center. Presently he is vestryman and senior warden, St. Mark's Cathedral; and member of the Episcopal Management Corporation, St. Michael's Fund, and the Standing Committee, Diocese of Utah.

Mildred and Donald have one daughter, Lindsey Ann Caffall-Davis, born June 7, 1952, Salt Lake City, Utah. She is married to Peter L. Caffall-Davis and they have one daughter, AnnaMarie Caffall-Davis, born September 7, 1981, Seattle, Washington.

by Mildred A. Caffall

CAIRNS, MARY AUDELL (COUNTRYMAN)

F49

The Wyoming Countrymans — Mary, of Roscoe, of Charles Raynor.

Mary Audell "Tiny" (Countryman) Cairns, first daughter of Roscoe and Mary (Collins) Countryman, was born June 25, 1909, at Split Rock, Wyoming. She married William (Bill) Cairns, who was born December 7, 1905, in Rawlins, Wyoming, on August 7, 1926, in Rawlins. They had two children. A baby boy born September 8, 1928, only lived a few hours and is buried in his grandparents Cairn's lot in Rawlins Cemetery. Barbara Juanita was born January 31, 1931, in Rawlins, Wyoming. She married Stephen Cattles on October 10, 1952. He was born in Kansas April 25, 1931. Their two children are William Roger, born July 25, 1953, at Rawlins, and Dorcas Ann, born January 13, 1955, also at Rawlins.

Mary Audell (Tiny) never worked out of the home. Bill was a cement contractor. He had men hired to haul sand and gravel from Fort Steel for his cement. About the time of World War II he rented his front-end loader to the Union Pacific Railroad. After the war he rented his equipment to the railroad for cleaning around the coal mines in Rock Springs, Wyoming, and surrounding small mines. Later years, Bill and Tiny moved to Jeffery City, Wyoming, to work in the uranium business. He died in Casper, Wyoming, July 30, 1981.

Daughter Barbara and husband Steve and family made their home in Rawlins, Wyoming, after a few years in Jeffery City. Steve went back to work for the railroad in Rawlins where son Roger and daughter Dorcas graduated from Rawlins High. At that time Barbara worked as a receptionist in a doctor's office. She had worked as a receptionist at Adam's Cafe before she and Steve were married. They moved to Casper, Wyoming, where Steve went into business with his brother-in-law. They worked with urathane (which is an insulation for buildings). It got to bothering Steve's lungs so he sold out to the brother-in-law and moved to Douglas, Wyoming. At this writing (July 1985) they are in the Roto-Rooter business in Douglas.

Son Roger went to work in Jeffery City where he worked and married Cindy Stahl. She is from Hannah, Wyoming. She has one son from a former marriage. They have two children, Corey Dean, born March 30, 1980, and Kelsey Audell, born July 19, 1984, both born in Casper, Wyoming. At this writing they're living in Jeffrey City, Wyoming.

Daughter Dorcas married Pete Farrell on May 20, 1978, in Casper, Wyoming. He is from Pennsylvania. They now live in Kenmore, New York. They have a boy and a girl, Thomas Elliot, born March 17, 1983, in California, and Stacy Colleen, born August 6, 1981, in Kenmore, New York. Pete is teaching athletics in Kenmore.

by Dorothy Kimball

CAMPBELL - BARONE

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Bethel, of Ida (Countryman), of Robert, of Joseph, Jr., of Joseph.

I was born in Plainfield, Illinois, Will County, to Ida B. (Countryman) and Nathan Campbell. We lived on a farm in Plainfield until 1941, and then moved to a farm in Rockdale until 1945. We then moved to the suburbs of Joliet, Illinois. I started school in a one-room schoolhouse called "Red Brick," which I attended until third grade. I finished at a city school.

Before marriage, I worked at several stores

The Don Barone family, taken February 25, 1978. Left to right: Debra, Deana, Don, Dawn, Bethel, and Daniel.

in Joliet and was a long-distance operator for Illinois Bell Telephone Company. I'm a housewife and I'm taking classes in accounting at Joliet Junior College.

I married Donald D. Barone on October 27, 1956. We are the parents of four children. Deana Lynn, born June 4, 1957, married Jerome R. Sulwer on July 30, 1980, in Joliet. She has a teaching degree from Illinois State University and is pursuing a degree in data processing. She was active in high school plays, and was a varsity cheerleader for two years. She made *Who's Who Among High School Students* from 1973–1975. Deana Lynn and Jerome are expecting their first child in January 1986.

Debra, my second child, has two bachelor's degrees from Illinois State University. One is in accounting and one is in business management. She was active in high school badminton and was inducted into the National Honor Society. She is an accountant for U.S. Gypsum, in Chicago, Illinois. She travels around the United States and Canada auditing for the company.

Daniel has an associates degree in computer science from Joliet Junior College (1985). He made the dean's list, and worked as a lab assistant and an accounting tutor. At the present time, he is still at home and works part time as a lab assistant at the college.

Dawn is going into fifth grade at Chaney-Monge Grade School and is on the high honor roll. She plays softball and her team made first place in Crest Hill, and third in the state. She likes tennis and swimming.

by Bethel Barone

CAMPBELL - CARNES

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Descendants of Joseph and Nancy E. (Green) Countryman.

Shirley Louise (Campbell) Carnes, born April 17, 1924, in Plainfield, Illinois, married Russell Lawrence Carnes on September 5, 1942. Four children were born of this marriage:

Sandra Kay (Carnes) Gunderson Maxey was born September 14, 1943, in Joliet, Illinois. She married Arthur Stewart Gunderson on March 30, 1960. Two children were born of this marriage: Arthur Stewart Gunderson, Jr., born September 28, 1960, in Joliet, Illinois; and Toni Lynn Gunderson, born May 8, 1963, Monrovia, California. Sandra divorced Arthur July 27, 1965, and

Son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren of Shirley L. (Campbell) Carnes. Left to right: Sue Carnes, holding Kimberly; Russell Carnes, III; James Carnes; Russell Carnes, Jr.

married Terry Ivan Maxey June 13, 1969. No children were born of this marriage.

Sharon Fay (Carnes) Katona Walker was born August 23, 1946, in Joliet, Illinois. She married William Katona on March 13, 1965. Two children were born of this marriage: William Dean Katona, on September 27, 1965, Los Angeles, California; and Daniel James Katona, born March 28, 1967, Monrovia, California. Sharon divorced William June 5, 1970, and married Howard Lee Walker October 9, 1971. One child was born of this marriage: Michele Kathryn Walker, born August 15, 1973, in California.

Loma Louise (Carnes) Shaffstall was born September 2, 1948, in Joliet, Illinois. She married David Duane Shaffstall on June 17, 1967. One child was born of this marriage: Kevin Shane Shaffstall, born April 18, 1970, in California. Loma divorced David May 22, 1974.

Russell Lawrence Carnes, Jr., was born August 3, 1950, in Joliet, Illinois. He married Sun Cha Kim February 26, 1970. (This marriage took place in Korea.) Three children were born of this marriage: Russell Lawrence Carnes, III, born January 28, 1971, in Arcadia, California; Jimmy Shawn Carnes, born August 8, 1972, Bellflower, California; and Kimberly Sue Carnes, born May 22, 1977, Ft. Hood, Texas. Russell, Jr., joined infantry at 17 years of age and served in Ft. Hood, Texas, in Germany, and twice in Korea. He is now a staff sergeant in Fort Carson, Colorado.

Great-grandchildren of Shirley (Campbell) Carnes and Russell Carnes are children of Toni Lynn Gunderson, who married Charles Carroll. At the time of this writing, February 27, 1986, two children have been born of this marriage: Jessica Cassidy Carroll, born September 16, 1983; and Zachary Francis Carroll, born June 12, 1985.

by Shirley L. (Campbell) Carnes

CAMPBELL - CARNES

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Sharon, of Shirley, of Ida Bell (Countryman), of Robert, of Joseph.

The son of Joseph Countryman was Robert D. Countryman; the daughter of Robert was Ida Bell (Countryman) Campbell; the daughter of Ida was Shirley L. (Campbell) Carnes; and the daughter of Shirley is Sharon F. (Carnes) Katona Walker.

Sharon (Carnes) Katona Walker (upper left) with her three children: William Katona, lower left; Daniel Katona, lower right; and Michele Walker, upper right. Sharon is the great-granddaughter of Robert Countryman.

Sharon was born in Joliet, Illinois, August 23, 1946. She moved to California when she was 16 years old. Sharon was married March 13, 1965, to William Katona; she divorced William in 1969. She married Howard Walker on October 9, 1972. Sharon is a clerical worker with three children, three stepchildren, and three stepgrandchildren.

Sharon's son William Dean Katona was born in Los Angeles, California, on September 27, 1965. He is a teacher's aide in special education and plans to be a special education teacher.

Sharon's son Daniel James Katona was born in Monrovia, California, on March 28, 1967. He is a freshman at Shasta College, Redding, California. A business education major, he plans to play baseball at college.

Sharon's daughter, Michele Kathryn Walker, was born at Baldwin Park, California, August 15, 1973, and is now an elementary school student. Musically inclined, she plays flute in the school band. She has no definite plans at this time.

by Sharon Walker

CAMPBELL - GILMORE

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Leah, of Ida (Countryman), of Robert, of Joseph, Jr., of Joseph.

Leah Gertrude (Campbell) Gilmore, daughter of Ida (Countryman) Campbell, was born February 2, 1928, in Plainfield, Illinois. I went through grade school at Plainfield in the same school building that my grandfather, Robert Countryman, had attended during his grade school years.

We moved from Plainfield to Troy Township in 1942 where I attended Joliet Township High School. Then in 1944, we moved to

Tom and Leah Gilmore with their grandchildren, Christmas 1982: Beth, 19 months, Tommy III, 9 years, and Carrie, 13 years.

Ridgewood, a residential area in Joliet Township east of the Joliet city limits. I graduated from Joliet Township High School in June 1946. During my high school years, I enjoyed roller skating and became proficient in the dance routines.

It was through my interest in roller skating that I met and married Thomas F. Gilmore, also an avid roller skater from Cicero, Illinois.

After I finished high school, I worked for the United States Steel Company in their office on Collins Street in Joliet, Illinois.

Tom and I were married on June 21, 1947, at St. Bernards Catholic Church in Ridgewood. We lived in Cicero, a suburb of Chicago for three years. Tom worked for the Western Electric Company in Cicero as a tool and die maker. I also got a job there in the office.

Our first child, a daughter, was born November 27, 1949. We named her Gail Ann. We moved to Lisle, Illinois, about 25 miles west of Chicago. Lisle is a little town on the Burlington Northern Railroad. Tom commuted via the train to and from his job in Cicero.

Our second child, a son, was born May 31, 1951. He was named Thomas Francis, Jr. We sold our home in Lisle in July of 1956 and rented a small house in Mokena, Illinois, in the country. We lived there one and a half years and then we found for sale an old country schoolhouse on one acre of land in Lockport Township on Weber Road. We moved into the building in November of 1957. Had we had any idea how much work it would be to remodel an old building, we probably would not have purchased it. The expense was very great, also.

I went to work for the Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern Railroad in the office in 1968 and I'm still employed there. Tom left Western Electric and started working for Panduit Corp. as a tool and die foreman in New Lenox, Illinois, in 1971.

Gail Ann Gilmore attended Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois. She graduated in June 1971. She studied math, chemistry, and computer science. She was employed at Johnson and Johnson in Milltown, New Jersey, in their computer division. She married Henry J. Dougherty, Jr., of Old Bridge, New Jersey, in September 1976. They have one daughter, Elizabeth Frances, born May 22, 1981.

Thomas Francis Gilmore, Jr., graduated from high school and does automotive mechanic work and carpentry. He married Linda (Surdey) Flake in February 1972. Linda was divorced and had a daughter named Carrie. Tom adopted Carrie and then Tom and Linda had a son, Thomas Francis Gilmore III, born December 17, 1973.

I like to travel and I'm interested in the

science of yoga, which is the study of life. I traveled to India for three weeks in November 1973 and visited the temples near Delhi, the Taj Mahal in Ogra, and the Ganges River in the foothills of the Himalayan mountains.

In 1982 I traveled again for three weeks to the Himalayan mountains in Nepal. Someday, I hope to return again to those mountains!

by Leah G. Gilmore

CAMPBELL - MILLER

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The Elmer Miller family.

Carol, of Ida (Countryman).

There are eight children of Nathan and Ida (Countryman) Campbell, two boys, then six girls. I am the fourth daughter, born July 2, 1933, at Plainfield, Illinois. I was named Carol Jean Campbell.

We lived on a farm at Plainfield. When I was eight years old we moved to another farm at Rockdale, also in Illinois. In 1945 we left the farm and my father bought a house on the east side of Joliet, Illinois, where my mother and sister Helen still reside. My father passed away May 22, 1974.

On June 23, 1951, I married a man by the name of Elmer Lewis Miller. Of this union two children were born: Linda Lou Miller, born December 18, 1954, at Joliet, Illinois; and Elmer George Miller, born June 26, 1962, at Carmi, Illinois.

My husband always liked living in the country and farming, so we purchased a 40-acre farm. It was located in the southeastern part of Illinois in White County. We moved there in the spring of 1957. In December of 1960 he purchased another farm. It consisted of 268 acres and was about five miles north of where we were living. We were living there when our son Elmer was born.

It had some bottom ground, pastures and also woods. We had pigs and a few cattle. We gradually kept increasing the cattle and decreasing the pigs till the cattle were the only livestock we had. We bought feeder calves and fed them to slaughter weight, then sold them. In 1969 we built a small feed lot to better take care of the cattle and make it easier to feed more at one time.

Being a farmer's wife, I did all the usual things. I helped take care of and feed the livestock, and drove the tractor to help put the crop in. My husband did the plowing and planting, and I and sometimes the kids did the disking. During silage cutting time, Lewis would do the cutting of the silage and I would haul the wagons to the silo and unload them. This was all done with machinery. We always had a big garden and I canned all our vegetables.

The two kids grew up and went to the same school from first grade right through high school. Neither one of them cared for the farm, so sought other employment when they were old enough.

As the years went by it became harder to make a living on the farm, so in May of 1985 we moved to Florida. My brother Harley was living there. Lewis got a job in the maintenance department at a resort hotel where my brother works. I am working at a nursing home. I started as a nursing assistant and am now the ward clerk. I had worked as a nursing assistant in Illinois for two and a half years before moving to Florida.

Both of the children stayed in Illinois. Linda is now 31 years old and works as a cashier in a grocery store. Elmer is 24 years old and has had a variety of jobs and is presently driving a semi truck. By the time this is printed both will be married.

by Carol Miller

CAMPBELL - REGIDOR

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Granddaughters and son of Joy (Campbell) Regidor. Left to right: Desiree Pemble, Nathan Regidor (Spanish-Japanese father), and Amanda Joy Pemble. Joy Regidor is the daughter of Robert and Ida (Countryman) Campbell.

Joy, of Ida (Countryman), of Robert, of Joseph.

Joy Marion Campbell, daughter of Ida B. (Countryman) and Nathan Campbell, was born April 18, 1943, at Plainfield, Illinois. Ida and Nathan later moved to the east side of Joliet, Illinois, a section called Ridgewood. Joy attended the local high school and graduated in 1961.

Joy married Richard Pemble of New Lennox, Illinois, in May of 1962. They were the parents of three sons: Ricky Raymond, born June 5, 1963; Nicholas Michael, born in June 1965; and Steven Brett, born November 25, 1966. Joy and Ronald were divorced in 1968.

Joy married Chester Regidor on December 12, 1971. Chester is a pipeline designer for a contracting-engineering firm. His company transferred him to Omaha, Nebraska, and then to Dallas, Texas. Joy and Chester are the parents of one son, Nathan Frederico, born on August 13, 1983.

Ricky Pemble married Denise Steimle of Omaha. They have one daughter, Amanda Joy. They now live in Watauga, Texas.

Nicholas Pemble married Tammy Hunter of Fort Worth, Texas. They have one daughter, Sarah Nicole.

Steven Pemble married Staci Bozwagi from Michigan. They have one daughter, Deseree Ann.

by Joy Marion Regidor

CAMPBELL - TROUTMAN

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Lester Troutman, Sr., with his wife Caryn (Cook) Troutman, and children Nicole (in back), Melissa, and Lester, Jr.

Helen, of Ida (Countryman), of Robert Daniel, of Joseph, Jr., of Joseph.

Robert Daniel Countryman was the son of Joseph Countryman, Jr.; Ida Bell (Countryman) Campbell was the daughter of Robert Daniel Countryman; Helen Marie (Campbell) Troutman was the daughter of Ida Bell; Lester Olney Troutman is the son of Helen.

Helen Marie Campbell was born March 3, 1930, at Plainfield, Illinois. She married Delbert Raymond Troutman (parents from Peebles, Ohio) September 14, 1947. One son, Lester Olney Troutman, was born of this union. Delbert died January 20, 1957 (heart attack). Helen works as a secretary at Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet, illinois.

Lester Olney Troutman, born January 1, 1949, was the first baby born of the New Year in Joliet, and the first baby born in Will County. He was born three minutes after midnight. He was drafted into the army in April 1969. He took basic training at Fort

Leonard Wood, Missouri. He went to Vietnam (Toy Hoe, pronounced "tuey wha"), where he drove light trucks. He was discharged in April of 1971 and presently works in a steel mill.

Lester married Caryn Elaine Cook and they have three children: Nicole Elaine Marie Troutman, born August 23, 1972; Lester Olney Troutman, Jr., born July 24, 1973; and Melissa Rae Christine Troutman, born September 16, 1975. Lester, Jr., is interested in astronomy and Melissa is interested in music (the organ).

by Helen Troutman

CASSIDY, EARLE & COLEEN (COUNTRYMAN)

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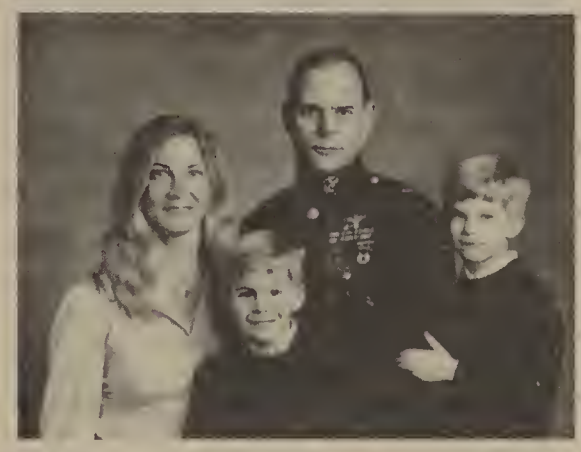
Coleen Countryman and Earle Cassidy on their wedding day, Annapolis, Maryland, June 6, 1946.

The complete Cassidy clan on a summer Sunday in Phoenix, Arizona, 1960. Standing: Barry. Seated: Coleen, holding Lynn, and Earle. In front: Jan and Leigh.

The youngest Cassidy leaves the nest, Scottsdale, Arizona, January 3, 1981. Left to right: Leigh, Jan, Earle, Lynn, Gary Mizell (son-in-law), Coleen, Barry, and Susan (daughter-in-law).

Kristi-Ann King, daughter of Leigh (Cassidy) and Sammy King, Las Vegas, Nevada, 1983.



Susan and Barry Cassidy with sons Todd and Michael at Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia, 1985.

Coleen, of Leonard, of Andrew Jackson, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

I was born Marvel Coleen Countryman on February 19, 1924, at the old Countryman farm east of Moville, Iowa, and lived there until my parents, Leonard and Bertha, moved to Arizona in 1928.

I remember a very happy and carefree childhood, being a real tomboy. I climbed trees, looked for scorpions under the chicken coops, and in the summertime would get practically black from playing outdoors in the sun so much. My first love was animals — I would rather have had a puppy or kitten than a doll any day — and my parents never objected when I brought home one more stray pet. To this day, I still love animals.

The Fourth of July was a special day for me, as my father, mother, and I had lunch downtown, went to a movie, sat through it twice, then in the evening ate watermelon and shot fireworks. I felt like an only child as my brother, Harley, was seven years older, always had a job, and was not home too much. I looked forward to the times he was there, as I adored my big brother.

I attended Murphy Elementary School and graduated from Phoenix Union High School in 1942. During my senior year in high school, a friend and I had our own radio program called "Carol and Coleen." She sang and I played the piano. I had taken piano lessons since I was seven years old.

The summer after high school, I worked to earn money for college. In the fall, I attended

Phoenix Junior College and graduated in 1944. While attending college, I was elected president of the Associated Women Students and was awarded the Angeny Trophy for being the outstanding woman graduate.

Upon graduating from college, I immediately started working as secretary to the Arizona State Librarian at the state capitol building and began saving money for a very special event in my life. In the summer of 1945 I took a train back to Annapolis, Maryland, to attend June Week at the United States Naval Academy and to receive an engagement ring at the traditional "Ring Dance."

The following October I moved to Annapolis and worked at the United States Naval Institute until Ensign Earle Morrow Cassidy and I were married in the small Naval Academy Chapel on June 6, 1946, the day after his graduation. Earle was born on July 27, 1924, in Pasadena, California, to Mildred Miller Morrow and Edmund James Cassidy, Canadian citizens. They later became American citizens. Earle had one brother, Mell Duncan, born on May 20, 1930. Earle's family moved to Phoenix in 1927 and he attended the local schools, including Phoenix Union High School (where we first met) and Phoenix Junior College (where we dated) before he was appointed to the Naval Academy in 1943.

Earle and I honeymooned in Canada and then headed for Jacksonville, Florida, his first duty station. We both had grown up in Phoenix and were used to hot weather, but nothing was as bad as Florida in July — the humidity was unbearable.

After Florida, the navy sent us to Brooklyn, New York, for a few months and we found the big city very exciting with its stage shows and big bands. We were moved to Boston, to Rhode Island, and to Virginia before Earle finally was sent to sea duty. During this year, he had applied for the Navy Civil Engineer Corps, was accepted and in 1947 sent to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, to get his master's degree. Barry Lee, our son, was born on May 22, 1948, during our two-year stay in Troy.

In 1949 we were sent to Coronado, California, and Earle became a SeaBee. Jan Alison, our oldest daughter, was born on December 26, 1950, at the U.S. Naval Hospital in San Diego. When she was six months old, Earle was sent to Japan and I remained in San Diego with the children.

Upon his return late in 1951 we were transferred to Corpus Christi, Texas. Leigh Ellen, our middle daughter, was born on March 16, 1953, at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Corpus Christi. At this point in time, Earle decided to resign from the navy and to establish a more secure home life for our children. He remained in the naval reserve, however, and continued to serve until 1977, retiring then as a captain, Civil Engineer Corps.

We moved to Garden Grove, California, in 1954, and Earle worked as an engineer for North American Aviation. He had always been a walking Chamber of Commerce for Arizona and couldn't wait to get back to Arizona. As soon as a job opened up there, he took it and we returned to Phoenix in 1955. On July 1, 1959, Lynn Suzanne, our youngest daughter, was born at St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix.

In 1959 Earle became general manager of Deer Valley Utilities, a private water company. He remained there until 1972 when the city of Phoenix purchased the company. Since that time he has done consulting work for other water companies and small businesses.

When we moved to our present home in Scottsdale in 1962, our house was considered so far out in the country that the mortgage company didn't want to lend us money. Our son and his friends could hunt rattlesnakes directly across the road from our house and the girls could ride their horses all over the open desert.

Our son, Barry, graduated from Scottsdale High School and received a navy scholarship to attend college. He chose Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York (his birthplace), earned his degree in business administration, and entered the Marine Corps. After infantry training at Quantico, Virginia, and flight school, he qualified as a jet fighter pilot in 1972. Still an active pilot, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel in 1986. Barry married Susan Marie Sangster, a former airline stewardess, on October 12, 1974, at the Lutheran Church of the Risen Savior in Green Valley, Arizona. She was born December 15, 1949, in Schenectady, New York, to Freida Marie Benz and Edward Ross Sangster. Barry and Susan have two sons, Michael Ross, born in Yuma, Arizona, on July 27, 1978, and Todd Morrow, born at the Luke Air Force Base Hospital in Litchfield Park, Arizona, on December 26, 1979.

Our oldest daughter, Jan, graduated from Saguaro High School in Scottsdale and attended Arizona State University. She then danced professionally for about ten years, at which time she received a neck injury and was advised to stop dancing. She presently is attending Arizona State University and will receive her bachelor of science degree in nursing in 1987. She works nights and weekends as a veterinarian technician at an animal emergency clinic. Needless to say, we have acquired a few homeless animals — like mother, like daughter.

Our middle daughter, Leigh, graduated from Saguaro High School, attended Arizona State University for a year, and then danced professionally for about ten years. She met Sammy King, comedian-ventriloquist, while working in a show at the Americana Hotel in Miami, Florida. They were married at the Little Church of the West in Las Vegas, Nevada, on June 28, 1976. A daughter, Kristi-Ann, was born in Reno, Nevada, on May 21, 1981. Sammy was born September 25, 1941, in Brownsville, Texas. For the past five years, they have lived in Paris, France, for half of each year, where Sammy entertained at the famous Crazy Horse Saloon.

Our youngest daughter, Lynn, graduated from Chaparral High School in Scottsdale and graduated from Arizona State University with a business degree in marketing. Her love of riding and jumping horses led to our owning three thoroughbred show horses; one, Whistle Stop, became a champion of four western states. Lynn married her high school sweetheart, Gary Michael Mizell, at the First Christian Church in Scottsdale, Arizona, on January 3, 1981. Gary is the son of Mary Lynn Oliver and Woodfin Grady Mizell, Jr. He was born in Phoenix, Arizona, on July 28, 1959. Both Lynn and Gary have jobs in the marketing field and currently are working toward their graduate degrees at Arizona State University.

In 1984 I took early retirement from Paradise Valley Schools, where I had worked as an executive secretary for 12 years. In the summer of 1985, Earle and I were able to attend our first Countryman reunion. We stayed with Ardell and Grace Countryman. It was an unforgettable experience, seeing the countryside of Iowa where my parents had lived, meeting my many relatives, and going back to where my life first began.

by Coleen Cassidy

CHRISMAN, DOROTHY (COUNTRYMAN)

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Dorothy, of Roger Simmons, of Marcellus L., of Peter Fort.

I, Dorothy Trapp (Countryman) Chrisman, am a direct descendant from the

Chan and Taffy (Dorothy) Chrisman on the occasion of their 20th wedding anniversary.

Dorothy Trapp (Countryman) Chrisman, ca. 1970, California.

The Chrisman family in their back yard in Palo Alto, California, on Christmas morning, about 1972, after Santa Claus had delivered their rugby shirts. Kneeling center front: Channing Burke Chrisman. Standing left to right: Channing Trapp "Rapp" Chrisman, Dorothy Trapp (Countryman) Chrisman holding El Gato Pendito tres gambos, Laurel Chrisman (now Clohossey), Samuel Bard Chrisman (with beard), Raymond Cole Chrisman, Roger Herring Chrisman (holding the cat), and David Burke Chrisman (kneeling) with Sybil.

Channing Burke Chrisman, ca. 1970, California.

original Countryman line. My father, Roger Simmons Countryman, is listed in the 1925 *Countryman Genealogy* . I was born December 30, 1927.

I met my husband, Channing Burke Chrisman (born July 15, 1928) when I was a student at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California (near San Francisco). Although I live with my family, Chan (husband), son Bard (born May 12, 1953), daughter Laurel (born October 23, 1954) who recently married Daniel E. Clohossey and lives in New York, son Rapp (born October 29, 1961), son David (born July 29, 1963), son Roger (born February 27, 1965), and son Raymond (born April 6, 1966), in Palo Alto, California, a part of me still lives in St. Paul, Minnesota, where there are a lot of wonderful, loving Countryman relatives.

The anniversary picture included with this story was taken on the middle fork of the Salmon River in Idaho. We had rafted for four days down the river, through the rapids and over the waterfalls with 20 of our friends, and found to our delight that not a single bottle of champagne was broken when we stopped to celebrate on August 2, 1972. Our friends decked us out in appropriately bacchanalian costumes.

by Dorothy Chrisman

CLARK, PATRICK & PATRICIA (COUNTRYMAN)

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Patricia, of Donald Elwood, of Jackson Delbert, of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad II, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredriech.

Patricia Jean "Patti," daughter of Donald Elwood and Winnie Rae (Bolles) Countryman, was born 7-6-54 in Sioux City, Woodbury County, Iowa. I joined my brothers, Donald Craig who was then two years and nine months old, and Michael Wayne, age one year and nine months. In October 1956 our family

Patrick Dean, Patricia Jean (Countryman), and Jesse Michael Clark, taken in March 1986.

was complete with the birth of my sister, LuAnne. Candy bars were 5¢.

A prize possession acquired during my childhood is a 1922 silver dollar given to me by Frank Countryman of California in August 1955. At the age of one, I toddled across a picnic table, where we had gathered for the Countryman family reunion, to Frank who held this coin. For this accomplishment, he gave me the silver dollar which I have to this day.

Dad being a farmer, I lived on several farms in the rural Moville, Iowa, area. I grew up very close to Willard and Lois Countryman and family. Seldom a day went by that I didn't play with my double cousins. I attended Moville Community School until the age of ten years, when we moved to a farm east of Moville, approximately ½ mile west of Rock Branch, seven miles west of Correctionville, Woodbury County, Iowa. Amongst every stray animal in the county my sister would adopt, the family pets were five horses, a dog, Princess, and two cats — LuAnne's was Pooky and mine was Prudence, a black Siamese who lovingly lived for 13 years.

Although the nation has not been at "war" in my lifetime, during my teenage years in the late 1960s and early '70s the Vietnam Conflict claimed the lives of some of my young friends. Across the nation there were protest marches against Vietnam and for equal rights, a time of violence among the youth of the nation. I graduated from Eastwood Community School of Correctionville in May 1972.

In July 1972 I began working as a secretary at Zenith Radio Corporation in Sioux City.

On September 1, 1972, I married my high school sweetheart, Patrick Dean Clark, born 10-11-51, the son of Ray Ardell and Marjorie Corrine Clark, and a lifelong resident of rural Correctionville. We made our first home in the town of Correctionville.

In October 1977 I left my employment at Zenith when the plant was closing due to foreign labor competition. At that time, Pat was farming in rural Correctionville and working on bridge construction.

On March 15, 1978, our son, Jesse Michael, was born in Sioux City, Iowa.

When Jess was two, I returned to work then at Schaeff Namco, Inc., in Sioux City. The

farm economy began to deteriorate and in 1981 Pat began his full-time employment with Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., in Sioux City. We moved to Moville in 1981 and then to Sioux City in March 1983.

I am presently employed as a legal secretary for Vakulskas Law Firm, P.C., in Sioux City and have been for three years. Pat is now the plant manager with Air Products and Jess, a typical little boy always riding his bike and active in soccer, is eight years old and a second grader at Hawthorne School.

Of fascination and perhaps a hint of destiny to Pat and me is that Clark Drive and Countryman Drive intersect at the Countryman homestead in Columbus, Montana.

In summary: Unlike when I was born, every family now owns a color TV and almost everyone has a microwave, a man has since walked on the moon, and surgeons successfully transplant live organs and artificial hearts. In my 12 years as a secretary, I have seen the manual typewriter become almost extinct — the computer age is upon us. Many are back to burning wood for heat because of soaring utilities and . . . candy bars are 40¢.

by Patti Clark

CLOUD - GIBSON

F60

Ruth, of Pearl (Countryman), of Dennis, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Ruth Louise was born to Pearl (Countryman) and Fred Cloud at Webster, South Dakota, on December 10, 1911. She lived with her parents on a farm near Webster. When she was three years old, her father decided to go back to Billings, Montana, and she with her mother moved to the home of her grandparents, Dennis and Lydia Countryman.

When Ruth was about five, the family moved to a farm five miles south of Ipswich, South Dakota. Ruth loved the farm animals and had many pets. Since she had no brothers or sisters, her cousins meant much to her, and she spent many happy hours with them. Family holidays were great occasions. Grandmother's table was stretched to its fullest and groaned under the heavy load of delicious food placed upon it.

Ruth attended a rural school located one mile south of the farm for five of her elementary years. The family moved to Ipswich in the fall of 1923 where she finished her elementary and graduated from high school.

Ruth enrolled at Northern State Teacher's College in Aberdeen, South Dakota, in 1929. She earned a first grade teaching certificate and began teaching in a rural school in the fall of 1930. After teaching eight years, she went back to college and earned a state general certificate which qualified her to teach in elementary grades in city school systems. This led her to Onaka, South Dakota, where she taught four years and met her future husband, Frank Gibson. Frank left for overseas duty, and the trail led Ruth to Bowdle, South Dakota, as a teacher and then back to teach in her old alma mater.

Frank returned from overseas in the fall of 1945, and wedding bells rang for Ruth and Frank on February 22, 1946. Later, Frank also became a teacher in the Ipswich public school system, and they each taught 25 years in the system before retiring. They both received their B.S. degrees in 1965, which they earned by attending summer school.

One son, Dwain, was born to Ruth and Frank. He is presently owner and publisher of the *Ipswich Tribune* , and the *Roscoe-Hosmer Independent* . His wife, Tena, works with him as editor and writer and runs the press when necessary. Dwain also became the South Dakota state fiddling champion in the fall of 1985. Ruth and Frank came out of eight years of retirement to help at the *Tribune* office in whatever capacity was needed.

Ruth and Frank are members of the local Wesleyan Church at this writing and still serve in several offices. Ruth has been church pianist for many years. She is strong in the faith passed on to her by her grandparents and her mother.

by Ruth C. Gibson

CLOUD, PEARL (COUNTRYMAN)

F61

Pearl, of Dennis, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Pearl Countryman was born to Dennis and Lydia Countryman on August 31, 1885, at Battle Creek, Iowa. She was the youngest of seven children.

She attended a rural school for a number of years, but because of distance and lack of transportation her formal schooling was limited. However, she was well read and kept excellent records. Her talents were many. They included singing, playing the piano, oil painting, sewing, and cooking. She was often her dad's right-hand helper when he was carpentering, so she became very efficient with the saw and hammer.

On January 1, 1911, she was married to Fred Cloud and to this union one daughter, Ruth, was born. They farmed near Webster, South Dakota, for three years. At the end of this time, Fred decided to move back to Billings, Montana, but Pearl with her baby daughter chose to remain at Webster. She took up residence with her parents and her sister, Sylvia, who never married.

The family moved to a farm five miles south of Ipswich, South Dakota, in 1915. Pearl and Sylvia formed a partnership which lasted until Sylvia's death in 1929. They raised poultry, milked cows, and sold eggs and butter to the local hotels and grocery stores.

In later years Pearl's chief hobby was gardening and raising many flowers. She started studying the seed catalogues when the snow was still on the ground, and could hardly wait to begin working the soil again.

Pearl was a faithful church attender and worked in the Ipswich Wesleyan Church, and had a strong faith in Christ as her Savior. Her last audible words were a recitation of the Twenty-third Psalm. She passed away in Doctor's Memorial Hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on February 3, 1956, at the age of 70 years and five months.

by Ruth C. Gibson

CONDERMAN, JOHN EZRA & EUNICE (MILLS)

F62

John Ezra Conderman. Wedding picture taken 14 October 1868 in Omro, Wisconsin.

Eunice Melissa (Mills) Conderman. Wedding picture taken 14 October 1868 in Omro, Wisconsin,

John Ezra, of John Ezra, of Adam M., of Marcus, of Conradt, of John Frederick Contreman.

My grandfather, John Ezra Conderman, was born in Howard, New York, on October 14, 1847. He married Eunice Melissa Mills on October 14, 1868, in Omro, Wisconsin. They had nine children: Emily Viola, born September 27, 1869; George Henry, born April 17, 1871; Mary Adella, born November 15, 1872; Lucinda Jane, born February 16, 1874; Eunice Melissa, born April 4, 1876; Bertha,

born September 8, 1878; Frankie Irene, born July 4, 1880; John Ezra, born in 1882; and Albert, born June 12, 1884 and died June 24, 1884. Frankie Irene and John were born in Mitchell, South Dakota; the rest were born in Wisconsin.

Frankie Irene Conderman and Egbert Grant Rice (my parents) were married on May 27, 1900, in Everett, Washington. They had nine children: Arlie Opal, born October 2, 1901; Egbert Grant, born September 26, 1904; Francis Wesley, born July 21, 1906; Eunice Bethel Irene, born April 10, 1909; Elton Wilder, born March 27, 1911; Evelyn Ruth, born September 1, 1913; Lola Valeda, born June 22, 1916; Walter Bernard, born March 20, 1918; and Eurith Rachel, born May 25, 1920.

The youngest of the nine children of Frankie Irene and Egbert Grant Rice, I was born in Everett, Washington. I went to the Longfellow grade school in Everett through the third grade. We moved to Orting, Washington, in 1929 and I went to school there through my sophomore year. We moved to Lake Stevens, Washington, in 1935 and I went to Lake Stevens High the next two years.

I married Fred Presby Watters in a double ceremony with my sister Valeda at our sister Arlie's house at Lake Stevens on February 16, 1938. I have four children from that marriage: Fred Duayne, born February 1, 1939; Eurith Marilyn, born September 10, 1940; Gerald (Jerry) Presby, born September 23, 1942; and Karen Eileen, born October 31, 1948. I also have a daughter, Janet Louise, born July 5, 1957, from a marriage to Henry Thomas Collins. I have now been married for 21 years to Donald LeRoy Whitted. We have no children from this marriage.

My mother's brother John married Edith Elizabeth Fry(e) November 5, 1917, and they had two sons: John Ezra, born June 16, 1918; and George Henry, born September 30, 1919. Their son John married Lucille Nero in 1942 and they have two children: John Ezra, born August 3, 1948; and Mary Lou, born July 21, 1954. John married Sherry Lynn Denhoff on June 2, 1973, and they have two children: John (Jay) Ezra, born October 15, 1978; and Melissa Lynn, born November 25, 1980.

by Eurith R. Whitted

CONTERMAN, ADAM

F63

Adam, son of Conrad.

Adam Conterman was baptized 21 June 1719 and died 22 December 1804. (Ft. Plain RDC books) His father was Conrad Conterman; his mother was possibly Maria Margreth ?. His wife was (Anna) Margretha Lipe/Leyp, daughter of Casper Lipe and Catharine, who died before 1775. (Lipe Will)

Adam's will, written in 1802, wills to son John the farm in Minden, formerly known as Hartman's Dorf. He wills the farm on which he is presently living at Geisenberg, consisting of lot #4 and 20 acres of lot #2 of Conderman's Patent, to grandson John, son of Adam, deceased. Also mentions granddaughter, Margreth, daughter of his son Conrad, deceased. Names "my beloved brother George" and "son-in-law Johann Peter Dunckle" as executors. (Quoted in full, C.G. p. 192.)

Conrad Lipe's will mentions the children of dec'd "daughter Margaretha, late wife of Adam Conderman." (N.Y. State Archives L-43)

Children:

John A. (Hannes), born 13 February 1748; bp. 14 February 1848, spons: Hannes Lipe and wife Margretha [*sic*]. The mother called Elisabeth. Pastor Ehle evidently interchanged their names and that is why the C.G. called Adam's wife Elisabeth rather than Margretha. (Stone Arabia D.R. Church)

Anna married John Peter Dunkel, Jr., before 1785. Some of their children: Peter (1786–1866), Adam (will prob. 1863, Canajoharie), Peggy (b. 1789), Mary (b. 1796). (Shoemaker Gen)

Adam died before 1802 (father's will). Children: John (married Margaret Wohlgemuth), Margareth, Catharine, Anna, Maria (m. Peter Och/Ough), and Elisabeth. (father's will)

Conrad also died before 1802. He probably married Margretha. (Conrad and wife, Margretha wit. bp. of Petrus and Maria's child, 1797. Maria was Conrad's niece.) Had daughter Margretha mentioned in father's will.

Refs: Reformed Dutch Church books, Ft. Plain; Mont. County Wills Bk I:311. Will of Adam Conderman dated 6 Sept. 1802; Fernow: *Calendar of Wills* #1056 Casper Leyp will; Montgomery County Deeds. Bk 18:534, Oct. 12, 1822: John A Conterman & Caty his wife, of Minden, sold to Nicholas Moyer of Minden, part of lot 8 which he received by Will from his Father on Sept. 6, 1802; Blair, Williams T. *The Michael Shoemaker Book* 1924.

Martin, David Kendall. *The 18th Century Failing Family of the Mohawk Valley (1979)* copy to Ardell Countyman, June 1986.

by Elizabeth T. Dehn

CONTERMAN, CONRADT II

F64

Conradt II, of Conradt I, of John Frederick.

Conradt II Conterman, son of Conradt I, married Elizabeth Maria Conterman. Their family was as follows: John Adam, who married Maria Conterman; Anna, who wed Jean Decker January 26, 1791; Conradt III, wed to Catharine Miller February 9, 1790; Catherine, wed Johan Gardner April 5, 1790; Frederick, wed Ablonia Hauss November 24, 1792; Henry, wed Sally Conklin; and Antonius (Anthony).

Henry's line is covered by Grace (Countryman) Barth elsewhere in this book.

by Donald P. Countryman

CONTERMAN, GEORG CONRADT

F65

Georg Conradt, of John Frederick.

Georg Conradt, son of John Frederick, settled at Dutchtown (Minden), Montgomery County, New York, on November 12, 1731. King George III of England granted 2,000 acres of land in Tryon on the south side of the Mohawk River to Conradt, Hartman Windecker, and Casper Leyp, Conradt receiving the third on which the settlers' stockade and "Fort Willett" were erected by his son, George; the spot is marked by a geological survey stonepost.

In 1718 Conradt married Maria Margareth Haherman. Conradt died prior to 1777 and is buried in Old Gossingburg Churchyard near Hollsville, New York.

Conradt I and wife Maria's family were as follows: Adam, married Elizabeth, widow of Casper Lipe/Leyp; Marcus; Frederick; Conradt II, born 1734 (My stories follow this line.); John; Jacob; George; Barbara, married Isaac or John Pickard; Ann Eve, married Wilhelm Dillenback; and Mary, married John Plants.

by Donald P. Countryman

CONTERMAN, GEORGE

F66

(John) George, of Conrad, of Johann Friedrich.

(John) George Conterman (Capt.), son of Conrad, was born ca. 1738; his will was proved 11 March 1809. His wife, Christina Diefendorf, was born in 1748 (Shoemaker) and died in 1811. Military service: 1778 — Ens. Tryon County 1st Batt. 5th Co., Capt. Diffendorf, Col. Clyde; 1780 — 1st Lt. same company; 1786–1798 — Capt. in Montgomery County Militia. Children:

Maria was born 29 August 1763 and married 18 November 1787 to Wilhelm Wohlgemuth. Their children: Johannes, 1785; Elizabeth, 1787; Peggy, 1789 (married John Countryman); Anna, 1791 (married Marcus Countryman); Maria, 1793; George, 1795; Daniel, 1800; Christina, 1798; Henry, 1801; Eve, 1806. (DAR New Project G3)

Jacob, born 24 February 1765, married Margretha –?–. (C.G. page 120)

Margretha, born 12 March 1767, was married before 1795 to John D. (or P.) Young. Children: Wilhelm, 1795; Christina, 1797; Magdalena, 1799; Elisabeth, 1801; Margaretha, 1803; John, 1808. (Bapt: Geisenberg Ch.)

Elisabetha was baptized 6 June 1769 at Trinity Lutheran, Stone Arabia. Sponsors: Jacob Resner and Elisabetha Dussler. She was married before 1793 to John George Dunckle. Children: George; Peter G., 1794; John, 1797; Daniel, 1800 (married Catharine, daughter of George Conterman, Jr.); Elisabeth, 1805; and Catharine, 1807. (Shoemaker Gen.)

Magdalena (Lany) was baptized 13 March 1771 at Trinity Lutheran, Stone Arabia. Sponsor: Martin Bettinger. The church record does not give the child's name or birthdate, but she is listed in her father's will. She was married before 1794 to Isaac Pickert (not Jacob Copeman who married Catharine). Children: Christina, 1794; Johannes, 1796; Anna, 1798; Maria, 1801; Isaac, 1804; Jacob, 1809; Daniel, 1811; Elisabeth, 1813. (Bapt. at Geisenberg Church, Minden.)

(John) George, Jr., was born 1 April 1773

and died 3 August 1851. He married Regina Spraker in 1793. (CG, page 120ff)

Christina (Dinah) was born 29 July 1775. She was married first ca. 1796 to Jonas Witmoser, who died before September 1797; their child, Margretha Witmoser, was born in 1797. In 1797 and 1798 Christina is called "widow of Jonas Witmoser." In 1808 John Reis and wife Christina witness the baptism of her brother Daniel's child, and in 1814 John and Christina Reis's son George is baptised at the Geisenberg church.

Catharine, born 21 June 1780 at Ft. Willett (Shoemaker), was married 17 December 1801 to Jacob Copeman (DAR). Issue: Elisabeth, 1803; Anna, 1805; John, 1808; Sally, 1813; Maria, 1817. (Bp. at Geis. Ch.)

Anna (Nancy) was born 4 January 1783 and married John Plank. Their child Maria was baptised at Geisenberg in 1810. There probably were other children.

Daniel was born 6 November 1785 and died in 1864, Minn. (C.G.) He married first Maria Moyer, who died in 1820 and married second Mary Fort. (C.G. pages 134–140; 327–337)

Delia was born 28 November 1787 and married James Tennant.

Refs: Countryman Genealogy, Michael Shoemaker Book (Schumacher Gen) ed. Williams T. Blair (1924); D.A.R. New Project: K1:p.14; R3:p.94; G3;p.53-4; Geisenberg church book, Minden.

by Elizabeth Dehn

CONTERMAN, JACOB

F67

Jacob, of Conradt 1st.

Jacob Conterman, fifth son of Conradt 1st, lived on the Mohawk River, Tryon County, New York Province, and served the whole Revolutionary War in Sir John Johnson's 1st Battalion, King's Royal Regiment of New York.

In 1783 the regiment, about 800 strong, was stationed at Isle aux Noix, a fortified post at the northern end of Lake Champlain. Their Mohawk Valley families trekked to Whitehall and then by boat to the post to spend the winter in barracks.

Each veteran received 100 acres on the St. Lawrence River (and 200 acres away from the water) in Osnabruck Township by drawing a lot number from a hat or box in New Johnstown (named for Sir John, now Cornwall, Ontario).

British Commissioners Col. Thomas Dundas and Jeremy Pemberton were sent to Canada to interview thousands of claimants and their witnesses. Before Dundas in Montreal February 6, 1788, Jacob swore that he had had 100 acres on the Mohawk, leased from Abraham Lansing for 25 years at five pounds per year. He had lived on it for four years and had cleared eight acres.

The rebels took his stock. His real and personal property including a house, barn and furniture, four horses, a cow, four sheep and four hogs totalled 150 pounds in New York currency.

Jacob was an elder when the Lutheran congregation of Osnabruck Township petitioned the Upper Canada (Ontario) government in 1798 for land for a church; building materials had already been gathered.

As a Loyalist, Jacob and his children were eligible for free grants of 200 acres. First family: Margrate (Margaret) married Jacob Aman, Conrad, Christien married Jacob Stoneburner, Catharine married Thomas Moss Johnson, and John. Son Jacob, Jr., was a Revolutionary pensioner.

Jacob the elder married Anna Kuss on October 12, 1791. Issue (parish register in German mentions only the first two): Dorothea, born October 15, 1794, no further information; Anna (Hannah), born September 22, 1796, married Stephen Brownell; Margaret, married John Hardy; Nancy, married John Prunner; Mary, married Stephen Woodman; and Sarah, married –?– Watson.

Jacob's daughters took money rather that fulfill settlement duties that included clearing and fencing five acres for every 100 acres and erecting a 16 x 20 foot house. Jacob died July 8, 1814, aged 70 years, 10 months, 26 days, when a tree fell on him. (Regiment records say Corporal Countryman was born in 1746.)

Youngest son John married Hannah Weart on March 6, 1810. Issue: John (July 13, 1812–July 22, 1901), Mary (born November 24, 181(8?), bapt. August 1, 1819) and Martin (September 5, 1819–May 25, 1882).

Jacob's son Conrad married Cornelia Flensburgh April 10, 1796. It was probably Conrad (various spellings as most Countrymans were illiterate as late as the 1830s) rather than John who erected a sawmill on the Humber River, west of York (Toronto), in the late 1790s. The mill burned several years later.

The area later became known as the town of Weston (1881). In 1951 the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire chose the name John Countryman for its chapter in Weston.

Conrad and his wife first appear on a list of York and area inhabitants in 1806 with four males and one female under age 16. A second female appears on the 1808 list. The family probably then moved a little further north to neighoring Vaughan Township.

Countryman Genealogy (1925) gives Conrad's occupation as blacksmith and bellmaker; children: Jacob, Peter, William, John, Katie, Mary. Conrad married ca. 1830 Susannah Hudson, daughter of Vaughan pioneer William Flannagan. Susannah died December 1, 1836, in Vaughan and Conrad probably before 1846.

by Barry Countryman

CONTERMAN, JOHANNES

F68

Johannes, of Conrad.

Johannes Conterman was born 2 March 1736 and his will was dated 1788. His father was Conrad 2 and his mother probably was Maria Margreth. His wife was Rachel Pickard, married 4 March 1758. Rachel was born 29 October 1733 and died 28 February 1787. She was the daughter of Nicholas Pickard and her mother was a daughter of John Conrad Weiser, Jr., probably Anna Barbara.

Johannes and Rachel's family is recorded in the *Countryman Genealogy* very fully. There are a few corrections where the German script was evidently difficult to read. If anyone knows of the present location of Johannes' Bible records and would be willing to send us a photocopy, it would be most helpful. However, all the evidence points to his wife's surname being Pickard or Pickerd rather than Richard and she was a sister of the John Pickerd who married Anna Rosina Conterman, daughter of Conrad. The Pickerd family has been documented back in England to Bartholomew Pickard (d. 1677) by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Schrader.

Pastor Sommers, the Lutheran pastor at Schoharie, made frequent trips to Stone Arabia and Canajoharie. In his church record we find the following: "1760, May 15 and 16. Administered Lord's Supper at the house of Mr. Conterman. N.B. I then installed Johan Conterman as new church elder."

Children:

Leah, born 26 December 1758, married Henry Embody. Children, surname Embody, were John George, 1797; Isaac, 1795; and Catharina, 1782.

Margretha, born 20 February 1760, married Johannes Snyder. (This family has been documented by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Schrader.)

Rachel was born 10 August 1761 and died 1 July 1767.

Dorothea was born 1 August 1762 and died 21 July 1767.

Nicholas was born 2 February 1764 and died in 1844.

Catharina was born 21 July 1765. She married John Henry Smith, born 1762, son of a Hessian soldier, Frederick Smith, who married 1760 Mary or Margaret Pickard. Frederick settled in NYS at the close of the French and Indian War and went to Canada after the Revolutionary War. (NYG&BR V.32:62)

Susanna, born 1 November 1766, married Johannes Augspurger, brother of the wife of Nicholas (above). Their children are listed p. 105, C.G.

Johannes (John I., Sr.) was born 12 February 1768 and died 6 March 1843. He married first, July 1791, Elizabeth Hock (Hohck) RDCh Ft. Plain; married second Margaret Bauder. Family covered in C.G.

Magdalena, born August 1769, was baptized 8 August 1769. Spons: Conrad Haus and Magdena Schneider. Recorded at Stone Arabia and Schoharie. She married 9 February 1789 Sebastian Shaul. Stone Arabia DRChurch C.G. p. 106.

Maria, born September 1771, was baptized 15 September 1771. Sponsors: Jacob Roth and frau. Trinity Luth. ch. Stone Arabia. Married Conrad Schimmel. C.G. p. 106

Abraham (Abram I.) was born 31 March 1773 and died in 1843. He married 25 April 1791 Catharina Krauns (Crounse) of "the Helleberg." (Not Cath. Crouse of Minden, per CG) Schenectady Dutch Ref. Church.

Benjamin, born 15 September 1775, died 13 December 1776.

Refs: Countryman Genealogy ; Dutch Reformed & Trinity Lutheran Churches at Stone Arabia; Schoharie *Lutheran Church* ; Schenectady *Dutch Reformed Church* ; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Schrader, Utica, New York; Mr. Frank Pickard, Denver, Colorado.

by Elizabeth T. Dehn

CONTERMAN, JOHN ADAM

F69

John Adam, of Conradt II, of Conradt I, of John Frederick.

The John Adam family members were:

(1) John Adam, Jr., who moved to Illinois between 1840 and 1850;

(2) Conrad, who moved to Iowa;

(3) Jacob, born 1800, who married Elizabeth Catherine Countryman (daughter of Conradt III) and moved to Iowa;

(4) Solomon, father of Alfred, who moved to Illinois between 1840 and 1850;

(5) Milia, born September 27, 1809.

by Donald P. Countryman

CONTERMAN, MARCUS

F70

Marcus, probably of Conrad.

Marcus Conterman was born 21 October 1720 and died 13 January 1793. (Ft. Plain RDCh books) His father probably was Conrad Conterman. His wife was probably Catharina Bellinger. The RD Church books at Ft. Plain say she was born 22 May 1726 and died in January 1812, the mother of three sons and ten daughters. Her father's name is not known; her mother probably was Anna Ablona Mayer.

Marcus is not mentioned in Conrad's will. However, he named one son Conrad and he willed his children land in the Conderman Patent and Pastor J.J. Wack listed his birth and death next to his brother Adam. It may be that Conrad had given him his inheritance previously.

Marx and wife, Catharina witnessed bapt. of child of Peter and Anna Maria Kils, daut. Catharina, March 27, 1755. (Trin. Luth. Stone Arabia) This may be one of their daughters.

The C.G. p. 84 gives him four sons, but the fourth son, Mark who died in 1830 is too young (born 1788) and is probably a grandson.

The 1790 census lists: Marelus, born bef. 1774 with three females, all born bef. 1790 and Markus, born bef. 1774 with three females born bef. 1790 and one other male born bef. 1774. Also a John M. and a Conrad who is probably Conrad M. are listed separately and it would appear that the other male with Markus is probably Adam M. still living at home. The one called Marelus is either John M.'s oldest son or Conrad M.'s son.

Children:

John M. born before 1774 (census) and died 1805–1806.

Conrad M., born 18 July 1749, died 2 April 1817. (Ft. Plain RDCh)

Adam M., born 1755, died after 1850.

Appolonia (Mayer will: mentions Appolonia, daut. of Marcus, 1784) married probably Conrad Harth. Children (Harth): Heinrich, 1792; Maria, 1794; John Adam, 1795. (Stone Arabia Ref. Dutch Church)

Possibly: Anna Maria who married Peter Kils. (See note above.)

Eight more daughters.

Refs: C.G. p.84 will of John M., p. 197 will of Conrad M. (I have checked the wills against the Will Books in Montgomery County); Ref. Dutch Church records at Ft. Plain and Stone Arabia; 1790 Census, Mont. Co., N.Y.

by Elizabeth T. Dehn

CONTREMAN, CONRAD

F71

Conrad, of Conrad first.

Conrad Contreman's birthdate is not known; he died before 1791. His father was Conrad Contreman and his mother probably was Maria Margareth –?–. His wife was Maria Elizabeth –?–. Maria Countreman, widow, married Johannes Miller, widower, on 18 March 1806 per Ft. Plain R.D. Church records. May be this one. Conrad is referred to as "deceased" in 1791 when his daughter Anna was married.

It is probable that the children of Frederick who was killed in 1780 were taken into his brothers' families. That may be the reason there is some confusion in the next generation since the children's names were often the same. Fortunately, they must have found the similarity of names to be confusing at that time, for in later years they often used the first letter of their father's name as their middle initial. In particular, the sons John Adam, Frederick, and Henry who are listed in the C.G. as sons of Conrad, I believe should be listed as sons of Frederick. However, I am not sure that Conrad did not have sons by the same name. More work needs to be done on this family.

Children:

John Adam (possibly); however, the children, John Adam, Jr., Solomon and Milia listed in C.G. page 85 belong to John Adam, son of Frederick..

Anna, at her marriage on 26 January 1791 to Jean Dekier (DeCoehr), is named "daughter of deceased Conrad Cuntriman." RDCh. Ft. Plain. Children, DeKier: Coonraad, 1793; Johannis, 1795; James, 1796. (Geisenberg and Ref. Church of Fonda)

Conrad married 9 February 1790 Catharina Miller. RDCh. Ft. Plain. Family given C.G. page 86.

Catharine married 5 April 1790 Heinrich Gardner. Sand Hill RDCh. Ft. Plain. Children, Gardner: Conrad, 1792; Heinrich, 1794; Maria Elisabeth, 1796; Abraham, 1797; Jacob, 1799; Henrich, 1802. (Giesenberg)

Frederick (perhaps). The one who married Ablona Hauss is Frederick F.

Henry (perhaps). Refer: C.G. p. 89. I believe the children born through 1795 belong to Henry F., but Thomas, Nancy, and Louisa may belong here. Also Jacob, p. 90. I have not found their records.

Antonius, born 1770 (1850 census), married Anna –?–. Anthony's family is covered on p. 91 of C.G.

Gertrudis, born April 1771, was baptized 14 April 1771 at Trinity Lutheran, Stone Arabia. Sponsors: Betten Bentler and Gertrude Haus. Probably the one who married 27 August 1793 to John Gartener (Gardenier). RDCh Ft. Plain. Children, Gartener: Jacobus, 1794; Coonrath, 1796; Mary Elizabeth, 1797; Anna, 1799; Dorothea, 1802; Johannus, 1804.

Dorothea, born 18 May 1778, was baptized May 1778 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Stone Arabia. Sponsors: Felix Keller and Dorothea Elisabeth.

Refs: Countryman Genealogy ; Trinity Lutheran, Stone Arabia, churchbooks; Geisenberg Church books (Minden); Ft. Plain Ref. Dutch Church and "Sand Hill" church books.

by Elizabeth T. Dehn

COUNTERMAN – BARTLETT

F72

Lydia, of Jesse A., of Levi, of Frederick, of Andreas Frantz, of Johann Fredriech.

Lydia Ann, daughter of Jesse A. Counterman and Hannah M. –?–, was born on December 30, 1826, in New York. On May 4, 1844, in Delaware County, Ohio, she married George Washington Turpen Bartlett (born ca. 1819; died ca. 1873). George was born in Maryland. According to family tradition, he may have been a descendant of Dr. Josiah Bartlett, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and the first governor of New Hampshire.

George was a farmer. The family lived in Mercer County, Ohio, until after George's death. At that time, it appears that Lydia moved with her brother Elias's family on to Reno County, Kansas, and later to Benton County, Arkansas.

Lydia Ann and George Bartlett had 14 children: William (born 1845), Henry C. (born ca. 1846), George H., Elizabeth (born ca. 1852), Johnny, Francis M., Mary M. (born 1849; died June 5, 1870), Lucretia (born ca. 1868), Andrew J. (born ca. 1855), Silas (born ca. 1863), Isaac, Crissy, Sarah (born ca. 1856), and Lydia Margaret (born September 4, 1871; died February 28, 1948).

Lydia Ann died March 30, 1901, and is buried in the Wann Cemetery in Benton County, Arkansas.

by Margaret Haper

COUNTERMAN – HAPER

F73

Margaret, of Paul, of Gilbert Jackson, of Elias J.J., of Jesse A., of Levi, of Frederick, of Andreas Frantz, of Johann Fredriech.

Margaret Elizabeth, daughter of Paul and Elna Elizabeth (Haymes) Counterman, was born July 11, 1948, in Claremore, Oklahoma. I graduated from Claremore High School in 1966 and from Oklahoma State University in 1970. I worked as a junior high school librarian for three years in Potosi, Missouri.

On June 3, 1973, in Flat River, Missouri, I married William Raymond Haper (born November 30, 1941), son of William Frederick and Frieda Ella (Nobbe) Haper of Alton, Illinois. We have two children. Mariam Kay was born August 13, 1978, and Paul Frederick was born November 10, 1980.

Bill is a salesman. As the result of several

job transfers since our marriage, we have lived in Alton, Illinois; St. Louis, Missouri; Des Moines, Iowa; Decatur, Illinois; Springfield, Missouri; Greensburg, Pennsylvania; and now Springfield, Illinois. It's one way to see a lot of the country!

by Margaret Haper

COUNTERMAN, ELIAS J.J. & MARY JANE

F74

Elias, of Jesse A., of Levi, of Frederick, of Andreas Frantz, of Johann Fredriech.

Elias J.J., son of Jesse A. and Hannah M. Counterman, was born on July 21, 1836, in New York. On October 3, 1857, in Marion County, Ohio, he married Mary Jane Counterman (born April 17,1841; died January 18, 1923), daughter of John H. and Anne Counterman of Marion County, Ohio. Elias was a farmer. The family lived in Mercer County, Ohio; Marion County, Ohio; Reno County, Kansas; and Benton County, Arkansas.

They had 14 children: Gilbert Jackson (April 10, 1858–March 17, 1949), Mary Ann (September 7, 1859–September 24, 1935), Leile (May 9, 1861–December 16, 1867), Emma (December 18, 1862–January 3, 1863), Thomas "Walter"(October 23, 1864–April 28, 1939), Isibell (August 27, 1867–August 27, 1867), Jesse L. (February 16, 1869–March 18, 1893), Demeris (February 7, 1871–February 21, 1871), Derias John (May 12, 1872–September 17, 1954), Warren (March 19, 1874–September 28, 1918), Minnie (March 4, 1877–September 11, 1878), Rosy M. (April 21, 1879–November 28, 1893), Olly (March 9, 1881–April 1, 1890), and Lydia M. (August 11, 1883–March 31, 1890).

Elias died January 24, 1905. Elias and Mary Jane are both buried in the Wann Cemetery in Benton County, Arkansas.

by Margaret Haper

COUNTERMAN, GILBERT & LYDIA (BARTLETT)

F75

Gilbert, of Elias J.J., of Jesse A., of Levi, of Frederick, of Andreas Frantz, of Johann Fredriech.

Gilbert Jackson, son of Elias J.J. and Mary Jane Counterman, was born April 10, 1858, in Mercer County, Ohio. On January 23, 1887, in Reno County, Kansas, he married Lydia Margaret Bartlett (born September 4, 1871; died February 28, 1948), daughter of George Washington Turpen and Lydia Ann (Counterman) Bartlett of Mercer County, Ohio. Gil was a farmer. The family moved to Benton County, Arkansas, in the early 1890s.

They had 12 children: Joiceland (October 16, 1887–October 16, 1887), Chancy (October 5, 1888–June 23, 1889), Alice (February 17, 1890–April 18, 1954), Lee (September 25, 1892– October 15, 1894), Frank (August 13, 1896–April 23, 1972), Bryant (January 16, 1900–September 12, 1981), Dolly (October 2, 1902–October 2, 1902), Upton (September 20, 1903–January 20, 1978), Rettie (July 3, 1906–July 5,1906), Ray (June 10, 1907–September 13, 1927), Jesse (December 8, 1909–December 8, 1909), and Paul (August 3, 1911–January 31, 1956).

Gil died March 17, 1949. Gil and Lydia are both buried in the Wann Cemetery in Benton County, Arkansas.

by Margaret Haper

COUNTERMAN, JESSE & HANNAH

F76

Jesse, of Levi, of Frederick, of Andreas Frantz, of Johann Fredriech.

Jesse A., son of Levi Counterman and Amy –?–, was born ca. 1800 in New York. His first wife and the mother of his children was Hannah M. –?– (born ca. 1800) of New York. They had at least five children: Lydia Ann (born December 30, 1826; died March 30, 1901), Mary Ann (born ca. 1833), Elias J.J. (born July 21, 1836; died January 24, 1905), Ruth Mosier (born ca. 1841), and Rosetta (born ca. 1845). They moved to Blackcreek Township, Mercer County, Ohio, in the late 1840s.

It appears that Jesse and Hannah later divorced. Jesse married on June 10, 1855, in Mercer County, a Margaret Johnson; and on January 21, 1857, he married a Sarah Wright, also in Mercer County. Hannah may have married Peter J. Eldridge on September 20, 1857, in Mercer County.

by Margaret Haper

COUNTERMAN, JOHN & ANNE

F77

John, of Levi, of Frederick, of Andreas Frantz, of Johann Fredriech.

John H., son of Levi Counterman and Amy –?–, was born ca. 1809 in New York, probably in Tompkins County (then Cayuga County). He married Anne –?– (born 1803) of Pennsylvania. By 1840 the family was in Brown Township, Delaware County, Ohio.

They had at least seven children: Gilbert J. (born ca. 1834), Nelson (born ca. 1835), Lucinda (born ca. 1839), Mary Jane (born April 17, 1841; died January 18, 1923), Henry (born ca. 1842), Polly (born ca. 1844), and Peter (born ca. 1845).

John died May 29, 1869, at Carey Station (now New Bloomington), Marion County, Ohio.

by Margaret Haper

COUNTERMAN, LEVI & AMY

F78

Levi, of Frederick, of Andreas Frantz, of Johann Fredriech.

Levi, son of Frederick Countryman and Elizabeth Scheef, is the weak link in my chain of ancestors. According to the New York records, he was baptised at Marbletown on July 17, 1763. However, the tombstone in the Hoover Cemetery, three miles west of New Bloomington, Marion County, Ohio, states he was born February 9, 1766, and died October 15, 1849. This leaves a three-year discrepancy on the birthdate.

His wife was Amy –?–. The 1840 census shows him living in Marlborough Township, Delaware County, Ohio. They had at least two sons: Jesse A. (born ca. 1800) and John H. (born ca. 1809; died May 29, 1869).

by Margaret Haper

COUNTERMAN, PAUL & ELNA (HAYMES)

F79

Paul, of Gilbert Jackson, of Elias J.J., of Jesse A., of Levi, of Frederick, of Andreas Frantz, of Johann Fredriech.

Paul, son of Gilbert Jackson and Lydia Margaret (Bartlett) Counterman, was born August 3, 1911, in Benton County, Arkansas, near Southwest City, Missouri. Paul served in World War II in New Guinea and the southern Philippines. Upon being discharged in 1945, he returned home.

On April 6, 1946, in Columbus, Kansas, he married Elna Elizabeth Haymes (born December 14, 1925), daughter of William "Albert" and Elizabeth Nance (Odom) Haymes of Foyil, Oklahoma. Paul was a farmer. Elna is a school teacher. They lived on a farm north Claremore, Oklahoma. They had one daughter, Margaret Elizabeth, born July 11, 1948.

Paul died January 31, 1956, and is buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Claremore, Oklahoma.

by Margaret Haper

COUNTRAYMAN

F80

The Wyoming Countrymans — Edward, brother of Charles Raynor.

The obituaries of Charles Raynor Countryman and Anna (Bartell) Countryman were written by my aunt, Ida (Irvine) Countryman. These papers may shed some light as to where Charles fits into the Countryman family. Also, the obituary of Charles mentions a brother, Edward, a half brother, and two half sisters.

I did some research on his brother Edward. I found Edward lived in Walsenberg, Colorado, and is buried in the Mason's cemetery in Walsenberg. However, and this I found interesting, Brother spelled his name "Countrayman." I could find nothing more

on the stepbrother and sisters. Perhaps some member of the family has information explaining the difference of spelling.

by Helen I. Ferry

COUNTREMAN, CONRAD 1st

F81

Conrad, of Johann Friedrich.

Conrad (Conradt) Countreman, son of Johann Friedrich, was born about 1698 in the Lower Palitinate, Germany. He immigrated to America with his parents when he was about 12 years old. Little is known of his youth; however, we know that his father died 16 September 1717 when Conrad was about 20 years old, and that shortly thereafter Conrad was married.

The complete name of Conrad's wife is unknown, and a marriage record has not been located. However, Conrad and wife Marie Margareth were sponsors at the baptism of a Marie Margareth, daughter of Henry Haberman, 29 October 1757 at the Lutheran Church at Stone Arabia, New York. It would seem likely that this is Conrad Countreman 1st, at age 59. It is also possible that Marie Margareth may have been a second wife, as we do not see the given name "Marie Margareth" appearing in the names of daughters in the succeeding generations.

Through a careful reading of the research presented in the 1925 edition of the *Countryman Genealogy* we learn that Conrad Countreman was the father of at least ten children, possibly not in the correct order of birth: (1) Adam J., born 21 January 1719 in the Mohawk Valley of New York, married Elizabeth (–?–) Lipe (widow of Casper Lipe), died prior to 22 December 1802. (2) Marcus, born 21 October 1720 in the Mohawk Valley of New York, married about 1748 to Catharine Bellinger, died 13 January 1793. (3) Frederick, who died 2 August 1780. (4) Conrad (Jr.) who married Elizabeth Marie –?–. (5) Johannes, born 2 March 1736 Canajoharie, originally Herkimer County, now Montgomery County, New York, married 14 March 1758 to Rachel Richards, died 1789. (6) George, born about 1738–1740, married to Christina Dieffendorf. (7) Jacob, born 12 August 1743, died 8 July 1814. (8) Anna Rosina or Barbary(?) married Isaac or John Pickard. (9) Anna Eva married Wilhelm Dillinback. (10) Mary married John Plants.

Conrad 1st died before 6 May 1777, nearly a year after this country embarked on its journey to become a sovereign nation. No doubt there were many heated discussions in the Countryman household as neighbors and family members decided whether they would be loyal to Britain or join with the Revolutionaries. Many lifelong neighbors would become enemies as the lines of loyalty were drawn. Although the majority of Conrad's family aligned themselves with the Revolutionary cause, one son, Jacob, cast his lot with the Loyalists. Little did they know that before long the fields and forests of their beloved valleys would become a battleground for Independence.

by Kay Rhodes

COUNTRYMAN, ABRAM & MAGDALENA (MILLER)

F82

Abram, of Heinrich, of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Heinrich C. and Catharina (Dockstader) Countryman's eldest child, Abram, was born at Paine's Hollow, Little Falls Township, Herkimer County, New York, on 30 November 1830. Possibly he was baptized at the German Flats Reformed Church where his mother had been baptized.

At the age of 13 Abram helped his father move the family to Illinois by way of the Erie Canal–Great Lakes route, and then helped with the farming in Vernon Township, Lake County. At age 19 he apprenticed with his father to learn carpentry and joining, and in three months he was qualified as a journeyman. Six months later he qualified as a master and began the business of contracting and building.

On 25 May 1855 Abram was married to another member of the AuxPlain Evangelical Association, Miss Magdalena Miller, daughter of Jacob and Christina Muller/Miller of

Adlaid, daughter of Abram and Magdalena (Miller) Countryman. Photo taken in Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois. Adlaid died of a ruptured appendix on 28 February 1882, six weeks after her eighth birthday.

The first reunion held to honor Edwin and William Countryman, sons of Abram and Magdalena (Miller) Countryman, on Father's Day 1948 at White Pines State Park, Ogle County, Illinois. The tradition continues on the second Sunday of every July. Left to right: Paul Countryman; Milton Barth; Velma (Ott) and Clayton Countryman; Mildred (Leech) Countryman, wife of Paul; William Countryman; Alice (Larson) Countryman, wife of Myrlin; Edwin Countryman; Grace (Countryman) Barth; Ann (Harker) Countryman, wife of Dwight; Alma (Weber) Countryman, wife of Lowell; Dwight Countryman; Lowell Countryman; Myrlin Countryman.

William (1871–1958) and Edwin (1869–1957), sons of Abram and Magdalena (Miller) Countryman. Photo taken about 1949 in front of the farm home built by Abram about 1878, and where William raised his children, located northwest of Hooppole, Henry County, Illinois.

Magdalena (Miller) and Abraham (Abram) Countryman. Photo taken in Geneseo, Illinois, probably sometime after daughter Adlaid's death in 1882.

Wheeling Township, Cook County. Magdalena, born 24 March 1833 in Bavaria (Holsheim?, Laimnau?), was three when her family immigrated to Buffalo City, Erie County, New York, where her father was engaged in manufacturing or the trades. In 1840 he was converted from Roman Catholicism to the Evangelical faith through the work of the City Mission begun in 1836. It is possible, even probable, that this family was a part of the large migration to Illinois in 1844.

Abram had never been tempted by the Gold Rush, as he felt there was more gold (referring to a crop of corn) to be had from their sand hills than there was in California. On 4 February 1856 he purchased 80 acres of farmland in the northeast quarter of Section 20 in Yorktown Township, Henry County, Illinois, no doubt planning to join other friends and family after retiring from the building trade, which he did in 1865. Two children, Mary Anna and Franklin Wesley, were part of the family when they, along with Abram's father, mother, and two brothers, moved to Yorktown in 1867.

Abram chose a different 80-acre tract in Section 20, northwest quarter, as his permanent farm "near Hooppole Grove," and here built the rough-board cabin ("pasted with paper to keep out the cold") in which four more children were to be born — Edwin, William, Adlaid, and George. Abram worked very hard to put this unimproved farm into "a good and comfortable agricultural condition." He sold his first 80-acre purchase, and on 6 March 1877 he increased his farm with an additional 80 acres across the road to the west in Section 19. He enclosed his farm with an osage orange hedge, trees and bushes, and planted many other trees, including fruit. Later Abram began building a sturdy ten-room house which was ready for the family about 1878. This house was "sheeted, clapboarded, plastered, and warm!" In 1879 he built the large barn which also is still in use, although covered with sheet metal (1980) to preserve the wood.

Also an apprentice shoemaker, Abram would make shoes and boots for the family during the winters. Opposing slavery, he was a supporter of the Republican party from its formation in 1854. At one time he served as a school trustee and was an active member of the Hooppole Evangelical Church.

Abram's mother, Catharina, came to live with the family in 1878 after the death of her husband. She had her own two rooms in the new house. On 28 February 1882, at the age of 8 years 1 month 13 days, granddaughter Adlaid (born 15 January 1874) died in her mother's arms from a ruptured appendix. Magdalena had a nervous breakdown from which she never completely recovered. Catharina did what she could to fill the void. Son George claimed his mother's butter was the best and brought the highest prices! He also remembered how in the summer they would set water in the sun to heat for washing clothes and taking sponge baths!

Abram (Abraham) faithfully cared for his wife until a stroke took his life 13 September 1897 at the age of 66 years 9 months 14 days. The children, all grown, felt unable to properly care for their mother and decided on the Watertown State Hospital near East Moline, Illinois. Here Magdalena was employed in the linen room (1910 census). In 1916 she became ill with erysypelas (acute bacterial infection of the skin and underlying tissues); two weeks later on March 27 she died at the age of 82 years 11 months 27 days. Senile dementia was listed as a secondary cause of death. She is buried with her husband and daughter Adlaid in the Hooppole Cemetery. On Adlaid's stone is a faded inscription: *Sleep loved one in thy lowly bed, Beneath the green turf damp and chilly, For blessed are the early dead, Whisper sweet voice soft and still .*

Abraham's personal estate included two horses, a 'milch' cow and calf, two sheep, bees, a two-seat buggy, a truck wagon, and over 2200 bushels of grain (mostly corn). The homestead was deeded to son William by the other heirs; and then to William's son Myrlin.

by Lorraine Weick

Another photo taken at the 1948 reunion at White Pines State Park. Back row left to right: William Countryman (Clayton), Duane and Kenneth Countryman (Lowell), Lorraine Barth (Grace), Ruth Countryman (Myrlin). Middle row left to right: Dean Barth (Grace), Ronald Countryman (Lowell), John Countryman (Clayton), Charlene Countryman (Lowell), Margaret and Barbara Countryman (Clayton), Judy Countryman (Dwight). Front row: Conrad Countryman (Myrlin), Dennis Countryman (Dwight), David Countryman (Myrlin). Missing: Marvin Countryman (Clayton); and Robert Countryman (Dwight), born the following May.

COUNTRYMAN, ADAIR C. & RUTH (LEONARD)

F83

The family of Adair and Ruth Countryman. Front row left to right: Linda, Adair, Elizabeth, Clarke, and Janet. Back row: Randal, Julie, and Ruth.

Adair, of Ardell, of Cleveland E., of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Adair Cleveland, son of Ardell and Grace (Petersen) Countryman, was born February 4, 1940, at Correctionville, Iowa. He attended Rutland No. 5 country school until third grade, when he went to Pierson school where

he graduated in 1958. During high school he was in band, playing first chair trumpet, sang in chorus, was band and student council president, and was on the track team. He participated in the state track meet in 1957 and was on the 440 relay and 880 relay teams there. After graduating from high school he attended Iowa State College and studied farm operations.

On July 26, 1959, he married Ruth Arline Leonard of Pierson, Iowa. They have been engaged in farming in the Pierson area since then. They are members of the United Methodist Church of Pierson. Adair has served as lay leader, Calf Club president, Sunday School teacher, and been a choir member there. Adair helped found the Town and Country Club of Pierson and was its first president. He has been a member of the board of directors of the Farmers Co-op Elevator of Pierson for six years. Adair is a member and Past Master of the Masonic Lodge of Pierson, and a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies and Abu Bekr Shrine of Sioux City, Iowa. Both Adair and Ruth are members of the Order of the Eastern Star and are Past Matron and Past Patron.

Adair and Ruth have four daughters. Elizabeth Ann was born August 8, 1960, at Le Mars, Iowa. She attended Kingsley-Pierson schools and graduated in 1978. While there she was active in band, chorus, tutoring, and Home Ec. Club. She is a member of the United Methodist Church and the International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Iowa. She is a Past Worthy Advisor of Kingsley Assembly and a Past Grand Executive for the Order of Rainbow for Girls in Iowa. She attended Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, and graduated in 1982 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She lived and worked in Dallas, Texas, for three years. On April 5, 1986, she married Clarke Crocker and they are now living on a farm northeast of Pierson, Iowa.

Julie was born September 24, 1961, at Cherokee, Iowa. She attended Kingsley-Pierson school and was active in band, chorus, swing choir, and Spanish Club. She was head majorette her junior and senior years. She was an active member of the track team and participated in state track meets three years. She was a member of the state champion 400 meter relay team her junior year. She was voted Most Valuable Participant in track her senior year. She graduated in 1980 and attended the University of Iowa for two years. She is a member of the United Methodist Church and a member of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. She is a Past Worthy Advisor of Kingsley Assembly and a past candidate for Girl of the Year. She married Randal Griffith on May 22, 1982. They now live in Chandler, Arizona, where she is a secretary for Computer Concepts Company and he is a metallurgist for Garrett Pneumatics.

Janet was born December 22, 1966, at Cherokee, Iowa, and atended Kingsley-Pierson school. She was active in band, chorus, Home Ec. Club, cheerleading, drill team, and drama. She received the best actress award twice. She was a member of the National Honor Society. Janet is a member of the United Methodist Church, and has been a member of choir and the youth singing group "United Love." She belongs to the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and is a Past Worthy Advisor of the Kingsley Assembly, Past District 1 Membership Miss, and Past Grand Worthy Advisor of the Order of Rainbow for Girls in Iowa. She is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the White Shrine of Jerusalem. She attends Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa.

Linda was born May 10, 1968, at Cherokee, Iowa. She attended Kingsley-Pierson school and graduated in 1986. In 1976 she was Pierson's Little Miss Princess. In school she was active in band, chorus, Home Ec. Club, drama, chreerleading, and drill team. She was a member of homecoming royalty and basketball cheerleading captain her senior year. She is a member of the United Methodist Church and a member of the Order of Raimbow for Girls in Iowa. She is a Past Worthy Advisor of Kingsley Assembly and a Past Grand Representative to Nebraska. She is attneding Western Iowa Tech Community College in Sioux City, Iowa.

by Ruth Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, ALBERT SIDNEY JOHNSON

F84

The Alabama Countrymans — Albert, of George W.S.

Albert Sidney Johnson Countryman was born in May 1862. He married first Tabitha Thames, born 1864, on 7 December 1880 at Evergreen, Alabama. He married second Mrs. Lee Smith on 6 December 1908 at Evergreen, Alabama. The children of Albert S.J. were all born in Alabama:

Sarah (Sallie) Elizabeth was born 8 September 1881 and died 1 January 1956. She married Edwin W. Godwin. Buried Godwin Cemetery, Bratt, Florida. Issue: Clyde Edwin, deceased; Walter Floyd, deceased; Raymond Harold, deceased; Clifton Clark, deceased; Robert L. (Bob), born 19 December 1917; Dewitt, deceased 9 September 1962, Pineville, Louisiana; James A.; Ollie B., married –?– Thames; Odie Lee, married –?– Davis; Essie Jewell, born 28 August 1910, married –?– West; Annie Hill, married –?– Beck; and Hazel Luverne, married –?– Blanton.

Will, was born in May 1883. He had three sons, all deceased, buried New Home Cemetery, Monroeville, Alabama: William Albert, born 18 February 1921, married Fannie Lucille Fails, born 26 March 1917, he died 8 September 1964; Buford Leonard, born 6 September 1916, married Pauline Milstead Stacey, born 20 February 1920, both killed in an automobile accident 25 September 1956; and Vernon Otis, born 7 July 1913, died 25 September 1974, married Esther "Eddis" –?–, born 11 July 1917.

Mabelle was born in April 1892. She married Joe Howell. Issue: Allie Ruth, Joe, Agnes, and Earl.

Lula was born in August 1895. She married Wiley Jones. Issue: Vonceil (married –?– Short), Gerald, Palmer (deceased), and Cecil.

Mamie was born in August 1898.

Lena was married to –?– Ryals.

Spurgeon is buried in the Godwin Cemetery. He had nine children: Harold (deceased, buried Godwin Cemetery), Aubrey, Fred, J.T., Mamie (married –?– Bloodworth), Maxine, Pauline (married –?– Cardwell, deceased), Bobby, and Avis (deceased).

by Maxine Holland

COUNTRYMAN, ALBERT W. & LORENA (CORAIN)

F85

Albert W. Countryman, Sr., with his children. Back row left to right: Christina, Wanda, and Carmella. In front: Albert W., Jr., and Cheryl. Photo taken in Dover, New Hampshire, in 1960.

Albert, of Robert, of Joseph, Jr., of Joseph.

Albert W. Countryman, Sr., was born on February 25, 1918, in Plano, Illinois. On June 23, 1946, he married Lorena Corain of Dover, New Hampshire. Lorena was born on March 22, 1926.

Lorena and Albert are the parents of six children. Albert W. Countryman, Jr., was born on September 8, 1948, in Dover, New Hanpshire. Cheryl D. was born on April 1, 1950, in Dover, New Hampshire. Carmella was born on June 8, 1951, in Dover, New Hampshire. Wanda Maria was born in 1954 in Dover, New Hampshire. Christina was born in 1956 in Dover, New Hampshire. Marla was born in 1958 in Dover, New Hampshire.

Albert Wayne Countryman, Jr., married Carol Make Peace in 1968. They are the parents of five children, all born in Dover, New Hampshire: Gina, born in 1968; Rhonda, born in 1970; Melanie, born in 1972; Donald, born in 1973; and Aaron, born on August 10, 1976. Albert, Jr., lves in Rochester, New Hampshire.

Cheryl D. married Michael Russell of Dover, New Hampshire, in 1982. Michael had one daughter, Kelley, from a previous marriage. Cheryl and Michael are both employed at the Portsmouth Naval Base in Portsmouth, Maine. They live in Dover, New Hampshire.

Carmella married Timothy Dube in 1969. they are the parents of two children, Angela, born in 1972, and Christopher, born in 1974. Timothy has a car repair shop and Carmella is studying business management. She lives in Berwick, Maine.

Wanda Maria married Norman Gagnon. They are the parents of four children: Jason,

born January 14, 1976; Kristan, born July 17, 1979; Ryan, born May 3, 1981; and Megan, born February 10, 1984. Wanda lives in Dover, New Hampshire.

Christina married Roland BeLair. They are the parents of one son, Nicholas, born on August 29, 1981, and live in Saco, Maine.

Marla married John Earl in 1984. They have one son, Jonathon Joseph, born on March 30, 1985, and live in Berwick, Maine.

by Albert Countryman, Sr.

COUNTRYMAN, ALEXANDER & CATHERINE (FITZPATRICK)

F86

Alexander, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Friedrich.

Alexander, son of Peter and Margaret (Nichols) Countryman, was born at Cleveland, Ohio, on February 19, 1828.

In 1852, Alexander with his brothers Horace and Eli crossed the plains to the California gold fields where they engaged in mining, milling, and construction work. Joined by their parents and brothers in the fall of '61, the entire family moved in 1862 to Wahoo City, near present-day Reno, Nevada. With his father and two of his brothers, he contracted to build several stamp mills in the area. As a note of interest, several members of the family settled on adjoining homesteads along the Truckee River on land where the city of Reno was later established.

He married Catherine Fitzpatrick at Carson City in 1860, and three children, George, Kathryn, and Alexander, Jr., were born there. The family moved to Columbus, Montana, in 1881, where they settled on a homestead one

Alexander Countryman.

mile east of town. Alexander died on December 19, 1906. Catherine Countryman, born at Philadelphia December 24, 1841, died at Columbus September 15, 1912.

by Roy Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, ALEXANDER, JR. & CARRIE (HARRYMAN)

F87

Alexander, of Alexander, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Friedrich.

Alexander, Jr., son of Alexander and Catherine (Fitzpatrick) Countryman, was born at Carson City, Nevada, on January 23, 1873. In 1881, the family moved to Columbus, Montana, which was founded by Alexander, Sr.'s older brother, Horace. Alexander, Jr., graduated from Alliance Business College in Alliance, Ohio, in 1896.. In 1905 he was issued a patent on a homestead near Columbus.

About 1910 he moved to Roundup, where he was in a merchandise business with his brother-in-law, J. Albert Albertson. There he met Carrie Harryman, who moved to Roundup from near the city of Marshall, Missouri, where she had grown up. They were married in about 1915. Two sons, Vern and Roy, were born in Roundup. In about 1922 the family moved to California, first to Redondo Beach, then near Modesto, where a third son, Robert, was born.

In 1925 the family moved to Longview, Washington, where Charles was born, and where the four boys were raised. Alexander, Jr. "Eck," so nicknamed by his early contemporaries, was a city policeman for many years in Longview. He died there in 1952. Carrie Countryman, born September 23, 1888, died in Longview in 1978. A woman of many great attributes, she was an inspiration to her four sons.

by Roy Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, ALFRED

F88

Alfred, of Solomon, of John Adam, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Alfred Countryman was born in Montgomery County, New York, 28 June 1830, the oldest of eight children born to Solomon and Margaret (Kill) Countryman. In 1844 the family migrated with other relatives to

Catherine (Fitzpatrick) Countryman.

Alexander Countryman, Jr., and Carrie (Harryman) Countryman. Wedding pictures taken at Roundup, Montana, about 1915.

Tombstones of Daniel Countryman (left) and Alfred Countryman (right), sons of Solomon and Margaret (Kill) Countryman, located in the Roseland Cemetery, Crill Road, Ogle County, Illinois. (Photo submitted by Donald P. Countryman.)

Illinois by way of the Erie Canal and the Great Lakes, and were residing on a farm in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Illinois, in 1850. By 1856 they had moved to Monroe Township, Ogle County, Illinois. Alfred had left "a correct history of my life which will be published . . . in charge of Mr. Upright."

"His life does not seem to have been a smooth one, but full of changes and . . . wanderings.

. . . Sometime in (late) 1853 or early 1854, while working for the railroad at Pecatonica, he made the acquaintance of a woman whose home was at Hampton, Michigan, to whom he was married by George Arnold, a justice of the peace of that town. . . . (By 1856) he had two children — a girl and a boy — one about two years old and the other an infant." (*History of Winnebago County* , Kett, 1877)

(The following was excerpted from "Winnebago County's First Execution," R.H. Borden, *Nuggets of History* , Rockford Historical Society quarterly, 1981.)

". . . About seven o'clock on the morning of Tuesday, November 11, 1856, Alfred Countryman, 26, and his brother John, 21, approached Charles A. Upton, a butcher in Rockford, with seven cattle. . . . Upton . . . chose three . . . (and) asked the price. The Countrymans asked him to make an offer.

. . . Alfred finally suggested . . . $55; Upton offered $47, which Countryman accepted. Upton told (him) he would have to deliver the cattle to the slaughter house about a mile up the river. When (he) objected . . . Upton said he would send a man along to help drive the cattle . . . Countryman agreed.

"After [the three] had left with the cattle, Upton went looking for Sheriff John F. Taylor.

. . . He told the sheriff he had just bought three cattle for $47, and felt they were worth at least $75. . . . Sheriff Taylor set off in the direction of the slaughter house.

"In the meantime . . . the Countrymans had stopped to see Elisha Thompson. Alfred . . . asked about $80 for the other four (cattle). Thompson offered $65, and Countryman accepted. . . . Thompson himself went along (to the slaughter house) to be sure the cattle were delivered. When he returned to his market Sheriff Taylor was waiting. . . . Thompson had told the Countrymans he would have to go to the bank to draw out the money. . . . When thay came to (the) market for their money, the sheriff . . . told them, 'When we buy cattle of strangers we require a bill of sale to make us safe.' Thompson

. . . drew up a bill of sale, which the Countrymans both signed, giving 'Smith' as their surname. Sheriff Taylor asked them where they lived, and they replied . . . about two miles east of New Milford. After a few more questions . . . it was revealed that their name was not Smith, and some other answers were in conflict. Taylor informed them that he was the sheriff . . . and was placing them under arrest until he could . . . verify their stories.

"Taylor then searched the brothers and found nothing but one bullet in Alfred's pocket. He told Alfred to hand over his revolver, but Alfred answered that he did not have any. Taylor searched him again in the usual manner, and finding nothing, asked Alfred how he happened to have a bullet in his pocket; his answer was that he had been out deer hunting a day or two before. Taylor and his deputy . . . took the brothers into custody and headed toward the jail-

. . . . Taylor did not realize that Alfred had a single barrel rifle pistol concealed in a secret pocket in the front center of his trousers.

"Just as they reached the jail steps, Alfred suddenly broke away . . . leaped over the fence

. . . and ran. . . . Taylor started after him and was gaining. When the sheriff was only about five or six feet behind him, the prisoner reached into that center pocket, pulled out the pistol and fired wildly behind him. . . .

The sheriff staggered a few paces and fell.

. . . (A bystander) finally caught and disarmed (Countryman) . . . (who) was brought back to the jail (in a wagon). . . .

"Although (he) was confined to his cell and chained to the floor most of the time, occasionally in the cold of winter he would be allowed . . . to warm himself by the stove. He took advantage of these occasions to heat a two-foot piece of iron and succeeded in burning through one plank in the floor . . .

before the smell of smoke caused a deputy sheriff's suspicions to be aroused. He was then confined to his cell . . . unless closely watched.

"Alfred's trial began . . . on February 24, 1857. . . . The seven cattle . . . had been stolen from the farm of Sidney Herrington (former neighbor of the Countrymans in) Franklin Township. . . . Herrington claimed that early on a November morning, Solomon Countryman, father of the prisoners, had come to (his) farm and asked if (he) was missing any cattle. Upon investigation he found that he was indeed missing five steers and two cows. . . . (He) arrived in Rockford just in time to rescue his animals. . . . The argument of the defense attorneys . . . was that Taylor had been in error to arrest Countryman without a warrant, and that Countryman's action was not premeditated.

. . .

"On Saturday, March 7, Alfred Countryman was sentenced to be executed. Mr. Orrin Miller, one of his attorneys, immediately left for Springfield to get a stay of execution. . . . According to Mary Hills (a high school teacher), Merritt Taylor (born after his father's death) told her that his mother also made some effort to stop or delay the execution, believing that it was a wild accidental shot which had killed her husband and that it had probably been a desperate attempt to frighten him rather than to kill him.

. . . The application . . . was refused. . . ."

(The judge had stated, ". . . Your case is a sad instance of the mischief of the barbarous practice of carrying deadly weapons. . . . Devote your few remaining days on earth to an earnest preparation for your future state of existence, upon which you are soon to enter. . . . Human tribunals administer justice only, and punish — but you have the consolation that mercy and pardon belong to that Tribunal on High. . . . By meditation upon your spiritual concerns, and by true repentance and contrition of heart, may you become a fit subject of divine mercy, and obtain from your final Judge forgiveness of your crimes." [Kett, pp. 309–310])

". . . People began crowding into the city the evening before. . . . Two special trains arrived from the west about daybreak, loaded with people from as far away as Dubuque. By 11 a.m. every available parking space in the downtown area was occupied by teams of horses and vehicles of all types, and the central part of the city . . . was a solid mass of humanity.

"About noon (Friday, March 27, 1857) a procession of five horse-drawn carriages was formed. . . . In the fifth rode Mr. Solomon Countryman together with a brother, sister, and cousin of the prisoner. About one-thirty Alfred said his last farewells to his wife and mother at the jail. . . . (He) was then led to the second carriage (in which also rode Rev. Hooper Crews, a Methodist minister; defense counsel Miller; and two deputy sheriffs) and the procession began. The team of horses pulling the prisoner's carriage soon balked and refused to go further, so they had to be replaced. As if fate was trying to prevent the execution, the prisoner's carriage was again stopped about a mile and a half from the jail when the whiffletree broke. . . .

"A crowd of thousands had assembled . . . estimates varied . . . 8000 . . . 15,000 . . . not less than 20,000! . . . The sheriff announced . . . the purpose of the gathering

. . . Rev. Crews, who had been ministering to the prisoner since his sentencing . . . offered prayer. The prisoner . . . then addressed the crowd. . . . 'Gentlemen and ladies, I don't know as I can address you very much. I am not gifted with speech. I thank the Lord I have found that there is one above to whom I can look. I would like all who hear me, especially the young, to take warning and learn to fear God. My time is very short, it is near at hand, but I can die happy, and hope to enter into a world of joy. I have found great trouble in making peace with my Redeemer, but I thank God that I have a friend on earth to direct me and pray for me. I can go before the Judgement Bar of God with this crime of wilful murder charged against me, with a quiet heart, and when we all meet there we can tell who is right and who is wrong. May God have mercy on the dear ones that I leave behind me, and have mercy on my two little children. May He have mercy on my brothers and sister, too, and bless them; may He have mercy on each one of you, and on them, and may we all meet where sorrows be no more. I bid you all farewell.' . . . (He then) shook hands with Rev. Crews, his lawyer, and others on the platform. . . . (In a final speech he said) 'I ain't afraid to die. Glory be to God! Farewell, friends, once more. I hope to meet you in a heavenly land where sorrow be no more. I am going home. Glory be to God — I am going home. Farewell.' . . .

"His father controlled his feelings until the

bolt was drawn, when he wept loudly and bitterly.

. . . (About a half hour later) the body . . . was cut down and given in charge to his sorrowing family. . . ."

Alfred was buried in Roseland Cemetery, Monroe Township, Ogle County, at the age of 26 years, 8 months, 22 days. His tombstone inscription reads "Forgive me O God, for in Thee do I trust."

submitted by Lorraine Weick

Note: Accounts of the trial and execution of Alfred Countryman can be found in the area newspapers, including the *Chicago Daily Tribune* , Chicago, Illinois, March 30, 1857, and the *Rock River Democrat* , March 31, 1857. A reporter from the Rockford, Illinois *Register* was also present at the execution.

This photo, taken at a family picnic in October 1912, includes: first row — Elmer J. Countryman (first from left) and Alice Eudora (third from left); second row — Eudora Sheaff (third from left) and Alice E. (Sheaff) Countryman (fifth from left); third row — Irving B. Countryman (fourth from left).

COUNTRYMAN, ALICE EUDORA

F89

Alice Eudora, of Elmer, of John E.

This chapter of the Countryman story begins in north-central Illinois in the late 19th century. The enlightened land-grant policies of the federal government combined with the incredibly rich soil of the upper midwest's alluvial plain drew thousands of settlers to what has become the nation's "grain belt" in the early and mid-19th century.

By the latter third of the century, John E. Countryman was a prosperous owner-operator of a large farm near Rochelle, the county seat of Ogle County, Illinois, about 70 miles directly west of Chicago. John and his wife Rose (Wagner) had three girls, Viola, Alice, and Mabel, when their last child and only son, Elmer, was born September 13, 1870.

Ed and Dorie Jones, ca. 1968.

The high school graduation photo of Elmer J. Countryman.

Out for a spin in the new Mitchell, one of the first cars in Dixon, Illinois, in May 1913. Alice and Eudora are seated directly behind Elmer in center of back seat.

After growing up on the farm, Elmer attended Rochelle High School where he met Alice E. Sheaff, the daughter of another prominent Ogle County farmer, Simon Sheaff and Elizabeth Ann (Chaney) Sheaff. She had been born November 2, 1871, on the family farm near Holcomb, about 15 miles from Rochelle, and was also the youngest of four children.

After what has been described as a rather stormy courtship, and with enough time after high school graduation for Alice to attend the Rockford Female Seminary (later Rockford College), Elmer and Alice were married at the Sheaff family home on June 28, 1893. They immediately moved to Dixon, Illinois, the county seat of Lee County, about 30 miles west of Rochelle. There, Elmer was employed and became manager of his Uncle I.B. Countryman's general store, a position he held for some 20 years. Meanwhile, Alice was increasingly busy with a growing family. Irving Byron was born May 4, 1894, followed by Willard Sheaff on January 4, 1900, and

The high school graduation photo of Alice E. Sheaff.

Joe Jones, September 1985.

Alice Eudora (Dorie) on December 5, 1907.

The years between the turn of the century and 1920 were ones of happiness and fulfillment for the Elmer Countryman family. Both Elmer and Alice were socially prominent, the extended family, especially on the Countryman side, was very close and most of all, theirs was a devoted closely-knit immediate family.

Early in the second decade of the new century, Irving went to the University of Illinois, and shortly thereafter Elmer was named cashier of the Union State Bank of Dixon. Upon graduation, Irving joined the army for service in World War I and married his high school sweetheart, Avis Thompson, on June 22, 1917. When Willard married Blanche Chapman on January 15, 1920, Dorie was the only child left at home. Then, on January 12, 1921, tragedy befell the family with Elmer's unexpected and untimely death. Alice and Eudora, age 13, went to live with Willard in Madison where he was managing a grocery store. Here, young Dorie was exposed to the high scholastic standards of the prestigious Wisconsin Junior High School which was under the jurisdiction of the University of Wisconsin.

After two years in Madison, Alice returned to her parents' home in Holcomb to live with her older sister Eudora, and Dorie was enrolled in Rockford High School where she distinguished herself, becoming a member of the National Honor Society and the Junior Mendelssohn Club and taking the lead in the senior play. During these years, Dorie spent as much time as possible with her mother and aunt in Holcomb where she came under the positive influences of her Uncle Joe Sheaff, his wife Susan, and their children, Helen and Bob.

Upon graduating from high school in 1926, Dorie enrolled in Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. She affiliated with Kappa Alpha Theta sorority her freshman year and after living one year with her brother Irving and his family, she moved into the sorority house for three years. She was voted the most popular girl on campus her senior year and graduated with a B.S. degree in education with majors in physical education and English.

In the summer of 1930, Dorie met Edward A. Jones while visiting Irving's family who were now residing in Dixon. In 1931 she taught physical education in the Hampton, Iowa, school system. She taught boys in the second through sixth grades and girls in the seventh grade through high school The next year she returned to Holcomb and taught physical education in the Kishwaukee Departmental School in Rockford.

Upon her return to Holcomb she began dating Ed Jones again and they were married July 28, 1934. Ed was the oldest son of Royal and Cecelia Jones of Dixon. A graduate of Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, and the Georgetown University Law School in Washington, D.C., he was elected States Attorney of Lee County in 1932 — the first Democrat ever to hold that post — and was re-elected in 1936. During a career marked by distinguished public service, Ed lost close elections for U.S. Representative in 1952 and for county juge in 1958. He was appointed City Attorney of Dixon in 1957 and served in that capacity for 17 years.

Both Ed and Dorie were extremely active in civic affairs. He was a leader of the Lee County Tuberculosis Association for 15 years and was organizer of the inaugural local Mothers' March of Dimes and President's Birthday Ball in the fight against infantile paralysis. She was one of four organizers of the Dixon Service Club which raised funds for the local hospital and established a service auxiliary (Pink Ladies). She is a 50-year member of the local chapter of PEO and a member of the Phidian Art club.

Dorie and Eddie had one son, Joseph Edward, born June 17, 1935. Joe graduated with honors from the University of Illnois in 1958 and followed in his father's footsteps with a M.S. degree in history and D.J. degree from Georgetown University and its law school. He remained in the nation's capital and currently serves as a registered lobbyist and trade association executive there. He is married to the former Julie Anne Sutherland of Washington.

Alice Countryman continued to reside with her sister Eudora Sheaff in Holcomb until her death in May of 1948 at age 77. Eudora lived a most active and energetic life until well into her 95th year. She died in March of 1955.

Ed and Dorie built a beautiful colonial-style home in Dixon in 1939 and lived in it for 27 years. He was a practicing attorney for over 50 years until the day he died, May 12, 1975, at age 77. Dorie still resides in Dixon. She is 78.

by Joseph E. Jones

COUNTRYMAN, ALICE R. (PEAKE)

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Alice, wife of David, son of John A., of William C.

My grandmother Alice Roberta (Peake) Countryman's ancestry can be traced to the 17th century in England.

Boniface Peake was warden at the parish church in the town of Thorp-Achurch, Northamptonshire, England. He was born in 1565 and died in 1620. He had seven sons; the fourth son, William (1603–1675), became Sheriff of London in 1660, was knighted by King Charles I at Whitehall in 1664 and appointed Lord Mayor of London in 1667. William's son John was appointed Sheriff of London in 1676, knighted by King Charles II the same year and appointed Lord Mayor of London in 1686.

Boniface's fifth son, Christopher (1605–1666), was the immigrant ancestor of my branch of the Peake family. He was born in Thorp-Achurch, Northamptonshire, was a Puritan by choice and in 1634 sailed for New England. He arrived in Roxbury, Massachusetts, near Boston, and became an independent farmer of means, acquiring some thousand acres of land in his lifetime. He was one of the first donors to support Rev. Eliot's Latin School (that exists to this day as one of Roxbury's high schools) and his missionary work among the Algonquin Indians of providing a written language for the tribe. Rev. Eliot also published a Bible in their language, which was the first complete Bible printed in the New World. Puritans were deeply committed to the view that it was their Christian duty to bring the Christian message to the Indians and this missionary zeal was to be passed on down to recent times when some of their descendants have become missionaries to other parts of the world.

By 1680 the cultivatable land in areas held by the town of Roxbury had been largely settled. This situation led a group of the residents to petition the town council for a charter to settle elsewhere in the colony. The area they chose was in what is now called the County of Windham, in northeastern Connecticut. Christopher's grandson Jonathan was one of the first 39 settlers in what they were to call New Roxbury. In 1688 the settlement was renamed Woodstock.

The descendants of Christopher Peake began to migrate to New Hampshire and Vermont after 1750 and to New York about 1775. Moses and Jonathon were the first two

of his descendants to settle in New York. Moses settled in the Mohawk in Montgomery County about 1775. Two of Moses' sons, Oliver in 1772 and Roswell about 1774, settled in Delaware County, Roswell in Hamden and Oliver in Delhi. Peakes have resided continuously in Delaware County for nearly two centuries. Roswell was a farmer and carpenter. He built a sawmill at Crawford Brook.

Ira, son of Roswell, was born in 1806, and married Celinda Tiffany in 1826. She bore him nine children in their 40 years of married life. He married again after her death and had five more children.

My great-grandfather, Roswell Lawrence Peake, was the fifth child of Ira Peake and Celinda Tiffany. He was born in 1836 and married at the age of 21 to Sarah Adelia Robinson. They were the parents of 11 children. Sarah's parents were Eban and Mary (Franklin) Robinson. Mary was a cousin of Benjamin Franklin. Eban's father, John Robinson, was married to Betsy Williams for 70 years. He died at the age of 94. Betsy was a descendant of Roger Williams, the founder of the colony of Providence, Rhode Island. My grandmother's sister, Polly Robinson, married Ornan Baldwin of the Baldwin Machine Works family who manufactured Baldwin Locomotives.

Relatives of the Robinsons who arrived on the *Mayflower* were William Mullins and his wife Alice and daughter Priscilla who married John Alden. John and Priscilla were among the first passengers of the *Mayflower* to be married in America. Their descendants include Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, William Cullen Bryant, and President John Quincy Adams.

by Irma (Countryman) Lydin

COUNTRYMAN, ANDREAS FRANTZ

F91

Andreas Frantz, of Johann Frederick.

Andreas Frantz Countryman was born in Germany, came to America with his parents in 1710, and made his first communion on Easter Sunday in 1713 at Newtown, New York. He was naturalized with his father and brothers at Kingston, New York, on September 8, 1715. He married first on September 19, 1715, at West Camp, New York, (Anna) Sibylla Scharrman, daughter of Johann Heinrich and Anna Catharina (–?–) Scharrman. Andreas appears on the tax list of Dutchess County, North Ward, from 1717 to 1726. Anna Sibylla died before 1728, for he married second on September 9, 1728, at Kingston, New York, Cornelia Keyser. She was born in Kingston, New York, in 1703, the daughter of Cornelius and Margriet (Sluyter) Keyser.

Andreas was a member of the Marbletown Foot Company in 1738 and appears with Cornelia at the baptism of her sister's child on September 17, 1738. A case dated in 1743 between Andreas Countryman vs. Edward Whitacker was found in the Kingston Court of Common Pleas; however, this could be his son, Andreas, Jr., as Andreas disappears from the church records in 1738; Cornelia appears in several later records.

Andreas Frantz and Anna Sybilla (Scharrman) Countryman's children were:

(1) Elisabeth, born September 20, 1716, at West Camp, New York, married on December 30, 1737, at Kingston, New York, Jacob Keyser, Jr. Eight children.

(2) Johann "Heinrich", born September 8, 1719, at Rhinebeck, New York, later resided in New Jersey. He married Arriantje Keyser. One son, Pieter.

(3) Anna Barbara, born in March of 1722 at Rhinebeck, New York.

The children of Andreas Frantz and Cornelia (Keyser) Countryman were:

(4) Samuel, baptized at Kingston, New York, on October 5, 1729.

(5) Andries (Andrew), baptized at Kingston, New York, on April 30, 1732, moved to Pennsylvania and later to South Carolina, where he died at St. Marks Parish before April 2, 1773. He married Elizabeth –?–. She died in 1834.

(6) Frederick Countryman, which see.

by Lauraine Horbak

COUNTRYMAN, ANDREW JACKSON & SABRINA (ADAIR)

F92

Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Andrew J., son of Peter and Margaret (Nicholas) Countryman, the youngest of 11 children, was born at Janesville, Wisconsin, on July 6, 1846.

The family, being millwrights by trade, moved many times to new locations during his early years, most of them being on the frontier of this young and expanding country. First at Janesville, then to Wadena, Fayette County, Iowa, in 1855 where they constructed a sawmill and grist mill on the banks of the Volga River.

In a few years the lure of gold and two brothers, Alex and Eli, already living in the territory, prompted them to sell out and prepare for the overland trip to the new state of California. In an article written for a newspaper he tells in "A Pioneer's Trip Across the Plains" much of his early days in the West. The article is reproduced elsewhere in this book. A few choice excerpts are here included:

"Our family consisted of father, mother and six of us boys. Our train was composed of two wagons drawn by horses and two wagons drawn by oxen. Horace, my eldest brother, had two wagons of horses and oxen, and there were three others who joined us, eight wagons in all. Well, in the early spring of 1861, we left Fayette, Iowa and started on our western trip to the gold fields of California, and I was highly delighted."

A.J., his parents and two brothers, Lewis and Dennis, returned to Iowa. The trip was made by way of Panama, New York and train to Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

In about 1870 he met Sabrina Adair, daughter of William and Sabrina (Williams) Adair. Her father also was a millwright who together with his brother George constructed the mill on the Shell Rock River, Shell Rock, Iowa, which they operated for a number of years. At this writing the building still stands at the east end of the bridge on Main Street. They were married December 31, 1874, at Shell Rock and resided there until 1877. Then they, together with his two brothers and their families, came west to settle on the Soldier River, about ten miles southeast of Battle Creek, Iowa.

In 1883 A.J., his wife and two children, Maybelle, 7, and William, 1, came to Arlington Township, Woodbury County, Iowa. They settled on 160 acres of land that was to have been turned back to the government by the railroad, this land being two miles east of what was later to be the town of Moville, Iowa. A.J., one brother, and a cousin, Manly Irish, had come earlier and built a house, part of which was in a hillside. It was 14 x 16 feet, with a loft reached by a ladder where the children slept. The lumber was hauled from Battle Creek. They planted a large grove from seedlings, a fruit orchard that furnished a beautiful sight at blossom time and fruit for family and neighbors for many years.

A number of settlers had filed for a homestead claim when the railroad protested their claim to a title, and took them to court. The first hearing was at district court in

Family of Andrew Jackson Countryman. Back row left to right: Cleveland E., J. Delbert, Lillian, MayBelle, Leonard A., William A. Front row left to right: Andrew Jackson, Dennis B., and Sabrina (Adair) Countryman.

Sioux City, Iowa. The court ruled in favor of the settlers. The railroad appealed to both Iowa and the U.S. Supreme Court, where in each case the court again favored the settlers. An older brother, Lewis, was chosen to appear for the settlers at the Supreme Court hearings, and it was not until May 6, 1893, that A.J. received their homestead certificate, a delay of ten years.

During the time this case was being settled, a dispute of ownership occurred a mile south of the Countryman farm. A.J. and a number of neighbors declared that the crop should belong to Switzer, the first settler who broke the land. On the morning of August 8, 1885, he made ready to leave with his team and rack. It is presumed he was armed and the other neighbors were; they had been warned that there could be trouble. His wife, "Briney", as he called her, pleaded with him not to go, as she was soon to have their fourth child. (Uncle Leonard was born on the 18th.) But he said the rest of the neighbors were going and that he was needed to be with them. An account of what followed, entitled "The Squatter War" is found in the *Sioux City Journal* August 10, 1885. As far as can be determined, the law did not intervene and "frontier justice" prevailed.

A.J. Countryman was a resident of Arlington Township for 44 years. He died July 19, 1927, on the farm which he homesteaded and which had been his home all those years. Mrs. Countryman passed away July 21, 1925. Both are buried at Arlington Cemetery, Moville, Iowa.

Their children were:

Maybelle, born June 12, 1876, married R.J. Rhue. Issue: Esther, born 1903, wed Clayton Jones; Robert, born 1904, wed Muriel Mace; Charles A., born 1906, wed DeAun Crowl; Delbert, born 1918, deceased, of Moville, Iowa.

William A., born August 4, 1882, wed Eva Hooper. They adopted Harriet, who wed Howard Wallace, Grandview, Washington.

Leonard A., born August 18, 1885, wed Bertha McDonald. They had one daughter, Coleen, born 1924, who wed Earle Cassidy, Scottsdale, Arizona.

J. Delbert, born March 11, 1888, wed Millie Hendricks. Issue: Fern, born 1920, wed Melvin Kumpula, Correctionville, Iowa; Lloyd, born 1922, wed Edna Neer, Moville, Iowa; Lawrence, born 1924, deceased; Willard, born 1927, wed Lois Bolles, Moville, Iowa; Donald, born 1930, wed Winnie Bolles, Moville, Iowa; Delores, born 1934, wed Maurice Harrison, Omaha, Nebraska; and Marilyn, born 1938, wed Byron Breffle, Ankeny, Iowa.

Cleveland E., born May 23, 1890, wed Susie Schaeffer. Issue: Ardell, born May 3, 1915, wed Grace Petersen, Kingsley, Iowa; and Dayton, born March 31, 1918, wed Ruth Hazen, Nevada, Iowa.

Lillian, born May 26, 1892, wed George Morgan. Issue: Jack, born 1918, wed Julia Edmundson, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Blossom, born 1919, wed Joseph Taubr, St. Paul, Minnesota; LaVonne, born 1921, wed Glen Bicknell, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Earl, born 1922, wed Eloise Deselms, Minneapolis, Minnesota; John, born 1923, wed Mary Bueche, Jordan, Minnesota; Harold, born 1926, wed Norma Breimhorst, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Leland, born 1928, deceased 1946.

Dennis, born September 18, 1896, wed Blossom McHenry. Issue: Duane, born 1923, wed Alice Brown, Modesto, California; Ardis, born 1925, wed Deane Bashaw, Modesto, California; and Darrell, born 1933, wed Lou Rice, Danville, Illinois.

During the last 55 years the old homestead was owned by Dell and Millie Countryman. Uncle Dell, the last of the children of A.J. and Sabrina, passed away October 6, 1983. Aunt Millie, the last of that generation, resides at Colonial Manor, Correctionville, Iowa. Their grandson Jim and his family are now tenants of the old Countryman homestead.

by Ardell Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, ANNA (BARTELL)

F93

The Wyoming Countrymans — Anna, wife of Charles Raynor.

Obituary of Anna Ethelyn Bartell Countryman

Mrs. Anna Countryman, pioneer of the Sweetwater country and widow of Charles R. Countryman, found rest Saturday morning at 3:30 February 18, 1933, following a critical illness of ten days and a long term of suffering. The end was not unexpected as advanced age of 76 years, the last twelve of which she was in failing health, brought her useful life to a close and in the quiet peace of death her body rests.

Anna Bartell Countryman was born in Alcater [Elkader?], Iowa, June 22, 1856. She was left an orphan at an early age, and spent her childhood on a farm with her uncle. Later she took up the milinery trade in Omaha where she met and married C.R. Countryman, May 28, 1876. Soon after they moved to Sherman Hill, Wyoming, between Cheyenne and Laramie, where they engaged in the mercantile business.

Mr. Countryman's interests took him to the Sweetwater where he took up land in 1885. Selling his interests in Sherman, he moved his family to the ranch in 1886 and engaged in the cattle industry.

Mrs. Countryman's hospitality made this ranch home a welcome stopping place to travelers on the old stage road. No one was ever turned away and many times she went to nurse the sick in the homes of her neighbors. It was only the indomitable courage of this young eastern woman which enabled her to do her part in helping develop this western territory where settlers were few and far between and bands of wild Indians roamed at will. The old ranch at Split Rock was sold and the family moved to Lander in 1912. She is survived by three sons, Mark, Charles and Roscoe and two daughters, Mrs. Ethel Phillips and Mrs. Helen Inkster. Mrs. Edna Irvine, another daughter, died in 1926 and Mr. Countryman in 1928. there are also left to mourn her death twenty-six grand children and six great grand children.

The funeral services were at the Episcopal church Monday afternoon with the Rev. Frederick Morris reading the scripture and offering prayer. Music was by a mixed quartet composed of W.J. Dugan, Mrs. Harry Baldwin, Mrs. John Benson, and Herbert McCoun with Mrs. Charles Tuller at the organ. "Rock of Ages," "Abide with Me," and "Asleep in Jesus," beautiful hymns of the church, were most helpful to those who sought comfort. Bearers were chosen from pioneer friends of the family: J.L. McIntosh, A.G. McIntosh, J.J. Jacobs, W.C. Jacobs, Arthur Vaughn and John Noland. Burial was at Mt. Hope.

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COUNTRYMAN, ARDELL & GRACE (PETERSEN)

F94

Grace and Ardell Countryman — 45th wedding anniversary.

Ardell, of Cleveland, of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Ardell, son of Cleveland and Susie (Schaeffer) Countryman, was born May 3, 1915, at their farm home two miles east of Moville, Iowa. Here the family lived until the spring of 1917, when they moved to the present farm three miles west of Pierson, Iowa.

Perhaps my earliest recollection was when my father took me to see Mother and my new baby brother, Dayton, at the hospital in Sioux City, Iowa. Seven months later, in mid-November, the entire family came down with the World War I influenza, first my father, then Dayton, myself, and finally Mother. Dayton had the croup. The phlegm collected in his throat, and he was strangling when Father left his bed, came to our room, and cleared his throat. That was the last time I saw my father. He passed away the next morning, November 23, 1918.

Aunt Lillie and Uncle Jack Morgan lived

with us that winter and the next summer. Cousin Jack was a baby, and Aunt Lillie cared for us three while Mother helped Uncle George with the farming. In 1920 Mother had a farm sale. Her brother, Uncle Wendell Schaeffer, had come back from the war in France and he took over the farming. Mother stayed and kept house for him until he sold out in 1925. Our first car was a 1922 Ford Coupe, electric starter and all, and Mother learned to drive. What a difference that made in our lives. Mother had taken a course in hairdressing, and when we moved to Moville, Iowa, in 1926 she opened one of the first beauty parlors, as they were called, and continued to operate it till we came back to the farm.

I graduated from Moville High the spring of 1931, and after a spring semester at Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, I knew more than ever that I wanted to be back on that Rutland Township farm. On February 15, 1932, Grandfather Schaeffer passed away, and when his will was read Mother was to have one-half of that farm. She purchased the rest of it from Aunt Hulda and it seemed the time to make plans for that move.

That summer I worked for my Uncle Lou Schaeffer and saw the Farm Holiday movement come about — pickets, Bunker Hill, and later, violence. A book could be written on that summer and fall. Roosevelt was elected that fall, and in the spring of 1933, when we came back to the farm, the Depression was at its deepest point. New programs were being announced, first the bank moratorium which saved many of the small banks, the Farmers Savings Bank at Pierson included. When they reopened, deposits were government insured. This, together with the corn-hog farm program and a corn sealing program setting the price at 45¢ a bushel, opened the way for better days ahead.

Dayton enrolled at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, the year of the severe drought of 1936, and shortly thereafter I met Grace Petersen. Grace was the oldest child and the only daughter of Fred and Lena (Claussen) Petersen. She was born September 15, 1918, on her grandfather Petersen's farm southeast of Moville, Iowa. Here were born four bothers, Elmer, Norman, Clarence, and Glen. The family later moved to a farm south of Rock Branch, where they were living when we first met. We were married on September 7, 1937, at Ogden, Iowa. Rev. Carleton Spencer, a classmate and close friend, officiated.

Our son, Adair Cleveland, was born February 4, 1940, in Dr. Runion's Hospital, Correctionville, Iowa. He graduated from Pierson High School with the class of 1958. He married Ruth Arline Leonard, only daughter of Almon and Dorothy (Diller) Leonard, on July 26, 1959. Ruth was born December 17, 1940, at Pierson, Iowa. They have four daughters: Elizabeth Ann, born August 8, 1960, married Clarke Harold Crocker on April 5, 1986; Julie Gay, born September 24, 1961, married Randal Griffith on May 22, 1982; Janet Sue, born December 11, 1966; and Linda Kay, born May 10, 1968. They now live on the Leonard farm east of Pierson, Iowa.

Our daughter, Sally Lee, was born April 5, 1945, in Sioux City, Iowa. She graduated from Kingsley-Pierson High with the class of 1963. She attended Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, for one year. She married Joel Frank Seglem, youngest son of Clarence and Ethel (Stevens) Seglem, on June 28, 1964. Joel graduated from Kingsley High with the class of 1960, and from Morningside College in 1964. Joel was born February 23, 1942. They have two daughters, Michelle Marie, born November 2, 1966, and Renee Lynette, born April 5, 1970.

During our 48 years on this Rutland Township farm, we both have been active in community affairs. I am a Past Master of Rutland Lodge AF&AM, and a member of the Sioux City Consistory and Abu Bekr Shrine. Grace and I are also members of the Order of the Eastern Star, serving as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Pierson Chapter No. 509 in 1946. Grace later was a District Instructor and was elected Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star in Iowa in the fall of 1972.

Our travels have been extensive throughout the United States and Europe. In 1962 I was privileged to join a People to People Good Will farm group, visiting with agricultural leaders and observing operations in England, France, Hungary, Poland, and Russia. A highlight in Germany the following year was when we found the house where my grandfather Schaeffer was born. It is in Bohne, a small dorf, a cluster of homes with no business district. Many second cousins still live in and around this area. We have revisited this area many times. We have also visited at Marne, Germany, the birthplace of Grace's grandmother and grandfather Claussen.

Grace and I retired in 1980 and continue to make our home on the family farm during the summer and fall months; the winter months find us at our home in Queen Valley, Arizona. During our last 40 years of farming, we have had year-around employees, and we are happy to say that Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wright were with us for the last 19 years. Melvin retired the same year I did and they still have their home on this farm.

by Ardell Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, ARTHUR & ELVENA (GERNER)

F95

Arthur, of Irving Nicholas, of Charles Lewis, of Nicholas III, II, I, of John, of Conrad I.

I,Elvena Gerner, of Hamden, Connecticut, married Arthur Countryman in 1941, and since I researched the Countryman genealogy about 25 years ago for our daughter to become a CAR member, I agreed to write up something for the forthcoming book. Our line of descent is as follows: my husband, Arthur, was the son of Irving Nicholas, son of Charles Lewis, son of Nicholas III, II, I, John, and finally Conrad I, who came to this country from Germany about 1700 when he was 12 years old and settled in New York state (Schoharie and later Montgomery counties). (See *Countryman Genealogy* , 1925, pp. 101-102.)

I shall try to update the genealogy from 1925 to the present for our own immediate family. Arthur and Irving were both only children so there are no close Countryman relatives in our family.

To continue the 1925 *Countryman Genealogy* , Irving, while he was research assistant and assistant professor in the Department of Education at Yale University (1924-1926) was an advisory editor of the *Pageant of America* , a pictorial history of the United States, and also was active in production of the *Pageant of America Photoplays* , one of the early educational films. He became assistant principal at Hillhouse (New Haven) High School in 1926 and served as principal from 1938 to 1951, at which time he retired. His first wife, Elsie Tischer, died October 24, 1952. On June 2, 1953, he married Carrie Baker Gauzens, a native Floridian. She died April 25, 1984. Irving died December 1, 1971, and he and Elsie are buried in Evergreen Cemetery in New Haven, Connecticut. He had lived most of his life in New Haven, his retirement years in Branford, Connecticut.

His son, Arthur, and I have lived most of our married life in Hamden, Connecticut. Arthur was graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1939 with a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering. He worked in the engineering department (becoming chief engineer) of Snow-Nabstedt Gear Corporation, New Haven, and later Hamden, Connecticut. The company manufactured reverse and reduction gears for marine engines, including those in the famous PT boats of World War II. During the war this was an exciting place to work, with close security for anyone entering the plant; and when Arthur and another worker went to the navy recruiting office to enlist, the officer all but threw them out and sent them back to their war-essential jobs.

Snow-Nabstedt was purchased by Granite State Manufacturing Company of New Hampshire and in 1970 everything was moved to New Hampshire. Arthur did not choose to go, but found work as a service man in the newly formed New Haven Appliance Soda and Equipment Corporation in Hamden, which delivers soft drink syrups and installs and repairs soda dispensing machines in restaurants. He retired from this company September 21, 1984, and when his wife, Elvena, retires from the Hamden Library, they hope to take some trips in their travel trailer.

Arthur and Elvena have had four children: David Arthur (1943–1946), Ruth Elvena born in 1946, Charles Irving (1948–1966), and Mary Elizabeth born in 1958. Ruth received a B.S. in elementary education from Southern Connecticut State University in 1969 and was married in 1970 to Watson Lyman Phillips. They live in South Penobscot, Maine, and have two children: Anna Julia Johnson Phillips, born February 1979; and Paul Timothy, born July 1984. Mary married Robert Palumbo in 1982. They live in Killingworth, Connecticut, with two horses, two Kuvasz dogs, three Labrador retrievers, one cat, and seven Lab puppies. Robert works at Hershman Paper Company in New Haven, and Mary is a nurse at Yale-New Haven Hospital, having received a B.S. degree in nursing from Southern Connecticut University in 1980.

A cousin of Irving's, Robert N. Countryman, worked for the United Illuminating Company in New Haven most of his life and died in 1978, age 91. Another cousin, daughter of Hartford attorney W. Arthur Countryman, Jr., Louise, born in 1921, was

The Arthur Countryman family of Hamden, Connecticut. Back row left to right: son-in-law, Robert Palumbo; daughter, Mary Palumbo; son-in-law, Watson Lyman Phillips; daughter, Ruth Phillips, holding her son, Paul. Front row left to right: Ruth and Watson's daughter, Anna; Arthur and Elvena Countryman.

graduated from Wellesley College around 1942, married Peter Bean Harrington in 1969, and has moved to Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Her sister Janet, born in 1923, lives in Farmington, Connecticut, I believe.

by Mrs. Arthur Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, ARTHUR EARL & MINNIE (CIUFFINI)

F96

Arthur Earl, of Arthur, Sr., of Charles Lee, of Joseph, Jr., of Joseph.

Arthur Earl Countryman, Jr., was the third child and only son of Arthur Countryman, Sr., and Loretta (Hamilton) Countryman. Born in 1933 in Plainfield, Illinois, he was inducted into the armed forces on April 9, 1953, served as U.S. Army private for five months at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and 19 months in the Corps of Engineers at Fort Belvoir, West Virginia, until honorably discharged in 1955.

Arthur Earl Countryman, son of Arthur William and Loretta Countryman, taken in 1953.

Arthur married Minnie Elvera Ciuffini in 1954. They were the parents of three sons.

Arthur III was born in 1955 in Plainfield, Illinois. He married Jeanette Marie Turke in 1980. They are the parents of two sons, Shane Albert, born in 1982, and Kyle Robert, born in 1984.

Garry Allen, second son of Arthur and Minnie, was born in 1956 in Plainfield. He married Robin Ann DeLong in 1975. They are the parents of four sons: Christopher Charles, born in 1975; Timothy Joseph, born in 1977; Brandon Michael, born in 1981; and Weston Ross, born in 1984.

Terry Joseph Countryman, third son of Arthur, Jr., and Minnie, was born in 1961.

by Loretta Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, ARTHUR WILLIAM, SR.

F97

Arthur William Countryman, son of Charles Lee Countryman, taken in 1941.

Arthur William, of Charles Lee, of Joseph, Jr., of Joseph.

Arthur William Countryman, Sr., son of Charles Lee and Emma (Donavon) Countryman, was born in Plainfield, Illinois, in 1907. He died in World War II in 1944. Arthur devoted 19 years of his life to the armed forces. He served four years in the U.S. Navy from 1924 until 1928, 11 years in the national guard, and on May 5, 1941, he was inducted into the regular army. After receivng his training in the States, he was sent overseas on September 19, 1944.

He was killed in action on November 20, 1944, in Hurtgen, Germany.

He married Loretta Hamilton in 1929. They were the parents of three daughters and

one son: Eleanor, Mary, Arthur Earl, and Georgia. Arthur Earl's story is given separately.

Eleanor Mae Countryman was born in 1930 and married Fred Pehlke of Joliet, Illinois, in 1951. They are the parents of three sons, Fred, Dale, and Douglas. Fred Daniel Pehlke, born in 1952, married Patti Lichtenauer in 1972 and they are the parents of one son, Brian, born in 1973. Dale Lee Pehlke, born in 1955, married Diane Kelly in 1973. They are the parents of two sons, Jamie, born in 1973, and Chris, born in 1975. Douglas Pehlke, born in 1960, was married to Florentine Boyne in 1981 and their son, Douglas, Jr., was born in 1981.

Mary Adelle Countryman was born in Plainfield in 1931. She married Edward Papesh of Joliet in 1953 and they have three sons: David, born in 1961; Michael, born in 1963; and Brian, born in 1966.

Georgia Lee Countryman was born in 1935. She married Richard Donisch of Joliet in 1954 and they are the parents of two children, Charles and Pamela. Pamela-Sue Donisch, born in 1955, married James Perkins in 1975. They are the parents of one son, Sean Perkins, born in 1975. Charles Donisch, born in 1966, was married to Dawn Rigoni in 1982.

by Loretta Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, BENJAMIN & BELISSANT (JAMES)

F98

Benjamin, of Peter, of Conrad M., of Marcus, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Friedrich.

Benjamin Countryman was born, according to his family Bible, November 15th, 1833. According to oral tradition of his granddaughter Olive Huff, he was born in Little Falls, New York. He died January 5, 1913, in Watertown, New York. He is buried in his family plot in Dexter Cemetery, Dexter, New York. Information about his early life is scarce (see Peter Countryman). Although the entire family was in Herkimer, New York, in 1835, the 1850 census shows him at age 16 living just with his mother, Lany, in Clayton, New York. The 1855 census for New York shows him with his new wife; as for the question of the number of years in the county (Jefferson), he says 11. His mother, however, who is listed as "widowed," has been there 19 years. Oral history says that Benjamin had several brothers, names not known. Where they were and what the family was doing here is unknown.

Benjamin, however, settled in. On January 1st 1855 he married a local girl, Belisant A. James (born about 1836, died Watertown 1913). Benjamin was 100% "Mohawk Dutch," while his bride was a product of the "Yankee Invasion." Her father was Edward James (Feb 29(?), 1806–January 18, 1887), one of six brothers (*unknown* , Ezekiel, Varnum, Edward, Nelson, and Raymond) who moved to Jefferson County with their father and mother, Varnum and Nancy James, around 1813. They were in Onandoga County in the 1810 census. The last three brothers stayed in Jefferson County in Brownsville until their deaths in the late 1800s. The known older two followed the westward migration to Ohio, and lived in Russia County in at least the 1820–1840 period. The father, Varnum, was with them in 1830, but returned to die in New York. He is buried in the Limerick, New York, Cemetery (near Brownsville) in 1849. Through wills in Washington County, Rhode Island (1826), Varnum is known to be the son of Ezekiel James. As such he is a descendant of William James and traces his roots back to the 1660s in Rhode Island. Similarly, Edward James married another Rhode Islander, Celestia Davis, born in Evans Mills/Natural Bridge (1812–1893), Jefferson County. She may be the daughter of Eli or Jesse Davis. If the later, Eli is the son of Edward (father Uriah) from Glocester, Rhode Island).

Benjamin Countryman enlisted in the Union Army in June 1864! There is no reason given, and he left his family to do it; this is strange as his wife was expecting (see below) at the time. He served under General Sheriden. During the fall of 1864 his war record shows a period where he was sick, so his combat experience has not been established or traced yet. He was released and honorably discharged at the end of the Civil War hostilities the next year.

Like most farm families, Benjamin had many children, but not all of them survived. The family Bible shows Jessie(?) (September 16, 1856–October 16, 1856), Herbert D. (August 23, 1858–October 26, 1861), Eva Cora (August 24, 1860–May 19, 1938), Bertha E. (November 20, 1862–?) married John Zimmer, Bidah B. (September 12, 1864–1932) married Charles O. Potter, Sheridan H. who later called himself Sherwood (September 19, 1868–?) married first Harriette Cornwall and second –?–, Morton B. (October 16, 1872–October 21, 1872), and Myrtle J. (June 18, 1877–1939) married Patrick Gilligan.

Benjamin moved over the years after the war to Watertown, New York. He became a dealer in seeds and grains, and was a "thousand dollar a year man." His war records show him to be somewhat short (5' 6"); he had black hair.

It is hoped that further information about the early years of this family will be revealed.

by Lucian Russell

COUNTRYMAN, BERTRAM W. & ALICE ELIZABETH (PARKHURST)

F99

Bertram W., of John Watkin, of Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of Johan Frederich.

Bertram W. Countryman, son of Lydia Bowker and John Watkin Countryman, was born 28 February 1867 in Grant County, Wisconsin. His mother died in Anoka County, Minnesota, on 20 December 1874.

Bert came to South Dakota in 1879 with his father and stepmother. Part of the time he lived with a man named Hugh O'Neal. This man was a cowboy, but not much more is known about him.

On 5 May 1888 Bert married Alice Elizabeth (Libbie) Parkhurst of McCook County, South Dakota. Issue: Raymond Hugh, Olive Florence, Frederick Neil, Lydia (1890–1891), and Edna (1903–1904). Son Raymond, born 27 May 1889, married Mamie Harris. Their issue: Georgia Eileen, Bertram LeRoy, Harris Laurel, Edna Maude, Marion Alden (called Larry), Raymond, and Bonnie. Raymond Hugh Countryman died 14 December 1939, Modesto, California, and Mamie died 1 September 1982, Washington, North Carolina. Daughter Olive F. Countryman, born 21 November 1894, married Paul J. Gurney; issue, two sons, Raymond and James. Son Frederick Neil Countryman, born 12 October 1901, married Anna Altenhoffer. Issue: Douglas, Rita Mae, and Roderick. Neil passed away in California several years ago.

Bert Countryman was a farmer and was also engaged in the hardware and grain business in Spencer, South Dakota. From 1903–05 he served as South Dakota legislator from McCook County. After leaving Spencer, South Dakota, Bert and Libbie moved to Lodi, California, where Bert died 15 February 1946 and Libbie died 18 January 1948. Both are buried with son Raymond Hugh in Harmony Grove Cemetery, Galt, California.

Much of this information was given to me by Garnet Tuttle of Blair, Nebraska, and Mrs. Edna (Countryman) Moxon of Brookings, South Dakota. Edna was the daughter of Raymond Hugh Countryman and the granddaughter of Bertram Countryman. She married Milton Moxon on June 30, 1933, at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Issue: Delwyn Leroy, Richard, Gerald, David, and John Thomas.

by Mary Morgan

COUNTRYMAN, C. HENRY

F100

Henry, of Horace, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

C. Henry Countryman of Stillwater (now Columbus), Montana, son of Horace and Elizabeth (Payne) Countryman, was born April 5, 1851, in Wisconsin and crossed the plains with his family enroute to the gold fields at Marysville, California, in 1852. He re-crossed the plains in 1861 to California, at which time he worked at the wheelwright trade with his father. He came to the Yellowstone Valley with his parents, they being the first settlers at Stillwater (now Columbus), Montana; their ranch was three miles above the present station. Two years later, he located his ranch on a portion of which Stillwater was located.

Since his settlement in Montana, he was principally engaged in trading with the Crow Indians. Henry married Miss Rosa B. Gibbons, a native of Montana, in the Old Log Hotel in the fall of 1882. He purchased a portion of the land that had been homesteaded by his cousin Charles and built his own log cabin south of the track in Stillwater. Here were born two sons, William and Horace, and a daughter, Clara.

An argument between Rosa and Charles, as to riding a race horse owned by Charlie,

Henry Countryman, age 19, son of Horace, of Peter. Taken in 1870, Deer Lodge Valley, Montana.

The Henry Countryman home, first house built in Columbus, Montana. Taken in 1950.

aroused Henry's anger and a fist fight ensued. According to Charlie's niece, a threat on his life was issued, should Charlie return to the saloon. Charles proceeded to arm himself and returned. On entering the saloon, where Henry worked, he received a slight bullet wound in his side from behind the bar. As Henry came from the end of the bar Charlie fired, dropped his opponent and, in a fit of rage, proceeded to empty his gun on him. This final act changed the "shoot out" to second degree murder and Charlie served a short term at the Deer Lodge prison. After being released he disposed of his property and returned to California.

Following her husband's death, Rose moved her family to Butte, Montana, where she remarried. She died at her own hand there in 1905. Her three children survived.

Horace, son of Henry, was last living at Spokane, Washington, in 1954. He had two sons. Donald Countryman, who was a printer living at Carson City, Nevada, was married but had no children. He died of cancer in 1983. John Countryman was on the San Francisco police force. He was married, had no children, and died of cancer about 1960. He was said to be a most handsome man and well liked, and had a very impressive funeral, escorted by the mobile units of the police force in honor of his many years of service.

Clara (Countryman) Dix, daughter of Henry, was last living at Laurel, Montana, and was at that time married to Jim Dix, a retired veterinarian. She had one daughter, Dorothy, by a former marriage. Dorothy married –?– Lundberg and had a son, Leonard Lundberg, last seen as owner and operator of a bar and restaurant at Northfield, Minnesota. Dorothy, when last seen, had married –?– Murphy and was widowed at that time, living in Roundup, Montana.

With the passing of the two Countrymans, Don and John, the Countryman name in this branch of the family of the famous frontiersman and builder, Horace Countryman, came to an end.

by Ardell Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, CHARLES & KAREN (KELLER)

F101

Charles C. Countryman. Picture taken in Yakima, Washington.

Charles, of Alexander, Jr., of Alexander, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Friedrich.

Charles C., son of Alexander, Jr., and Carrie (Harryman) Countryman, was born April 17, 1928, at Longview, Washington.

Charles graduated in civil engineering at the University of Washington, and also graduated from the University of Washington Law School. He is in private practice in Yakima, Washington. Two of his major interests are naval history and restoration of antique automobiles.

Charles has two offspring. Barbara Manka was born January 24, 1953. She is an R.N. and resides in Yakima. Kathy Bounds was born November 24, 1959, and she also resides in Yakima.

by Roy Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, CHARLES & MILDRED (SWINNEY)

F102

Charles Douglas, of Charles Eli, of Joseph Delbert.

Charles Douglas (Doug) Countryman is the only child of Charles Eli and Jenny (Dillon) Countryman. Charles Eli was the eldest child of Joseph Delbert and Millie (Davis) Countryman. Charles Douglas was born January 3, 1922, in Chico, California. His mother, Jenny Dillon, died in 1926. She had two daughters from a previous marriage (Wilda and Melba Rogers). The loss of his mother was a terrible tragedy since his father was not capable of raising him by himself. Douglas's aunts (Beryl and Maude Countryman) took him in and raised him in Oroville, California. His sisters went to live with his mother's relatives.

The Depression was in full swing and times were very difficult. Doug helped work at his dad's gold mine, but they never hit the "big vein" of gold they hoped to find. The family survived doing agricultural work or whatever was available. While growing up, Doug loved to draw and he developed and expanded these skills later in life. After he graduated from Oroville High School he worked in the local olive mill before moving to San Farncisco and working in the shipyard there.

During World War II he joined the Army Air Corps and served in the 91st Bomb Group ETO England. As a gunner in a B-17 he flew 30 missions over Germany. Of 15 crews that went to England only 1½ returned. The bombing runs over Berlin, Frankfurt, and the rocket sites at Padde Colais, France, were the most difficult. He left the army in 1945 as a staff sergeant and found a job in Sacramento, California, with the post office. During his 30-year career with the post office his fellow workers and customers knew him as "Chuck." His deliveries were timely (missing only a couple of days' work during that entire period) and he was ever friendly. Many years he painted Christmas scenes on the windows of the businesses where he delivered mail.

In 1946 Charles married Mildred (Swinney) Countryman, widow of Joseph Delbert Countryman. Mildred Swinney was born in Mt. Shasta, California, October 25, 1911. Her father was Jesse Franklin Swinney and her mother was Melnotta Foreman. Melnotta had 12 sisters and one brother. Melnotta's parents, George and Icie (Green) Foreman, came from Pennsylvania. Mildred had three children from her first marriage (Ramona Delberta, William Earl, and Joseph Delbert Countryman, Jr.).

Mildred was an extremely hard working, talented, and loving individual. She faced much adversity in life and overcame it all with joy and love. She was severely injured by an automobile at the age of seven and lost her first husband while carrying her youngest child. None of these adversities could deter her from living a full and abundant life. She worked as a beautician, a bookkeeper, and a secretary, as well as fulfilling her parental obligations. She always had time for her husband, her children, her home, and her friends. A very intelligent person with outstanding creativity.

After "Chuck" retired, he and "Millie" moved to Gridley, California, and they operated a small ranch for several years before permanently retiring to Folsom, California. Chuck and Millie have done many oil and watercolor paintings. They both appreciate beauty and forged beautiful homes, children, and lives.

by Joseph D. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, CHARLES COMMODORE

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The Wyoming Countrymans — Charles Commodore, of Charles Raynor.

Charles Commodore Countryman, second son of Charles Raynor and Anna (Bartell) Countryman, was born at Sherman Hill, Wyoming, August 24, 1881. He never married, and died February 10, 1936, in Lander, Wyoming.

Charley was about five when his parents moved from Sherman Hill to Split Rock on the Sweetwater River, where they engaged in ranching and stock raising. Charley spent an active life; he worked in the oil fields, drove stage from Split Rock to Rawlins, operated a sawmill on Green Mountain, and drove a string team from Casper to Pathfinder while the dam was being built. He was also a good carpenter, having helped to build several ranch houses and a bridge across the Platte River at Alcova. He managed his parents' business interests during their declining years, later living with his sister Helen Inkster and children.

He was only 45 when he died from infection caused by the removal of a corn. Charley was always ready and willing to lend a helping hand in sickness and trouble, and it was very unfortunate so little could be done for him in his hour of need.

by Dorothy Kimball

COUNTRYMAN, CHARLES FRANCIS

F104

Charles Francis Countryman with his horse "Snip," 1919, Drift Fence Ranch.

The Wyoming Countrymans — Charles Francis, of Mark Ward, of Charles Raynor.

Charles Francis Countryman, oldest son of Mark Ward and Ida Irene (Irvine) Countryman, first grandson of Charles Raynor and Anna Ethelyn (Bartell) Countryman, was born March 13, 1908, at Split Rock, Wyoming. He wed Susan Kathleen Riley of Clarendon, Texas, January 10, 1942, in

Countryman School with pupils Margaret, Dorothy, and Charles Francis Countryman, about 1922.

Charles Commodore Countryman, about 1908, on a fishing trip on Green Mountain, near Split Rock, Wyoming.

Charles Francis Countryman, Class of 1928, Lander, Wyoming.

Charles Francis (driver) and dog, Dorothy, Manuel (Hoot), and Margaret Helen Countryman at Drift Fence Ranch near Ft. Washakie, Wyoming, 1919.

Lander, Wyoming. No issue. He died October 16, 1981.

Francis attended the Countryman School. He entered high school as a sophomore, as he had taken his freshman year in the Countryman School. He graduated from Lander High in 1928. In 1927 he drove the school bus from Drift Fence Ranch above Ft. Washakie to Lander (24 miles), and again in 1928 he drove the new bus.

He helped on the ranch, haying, riding for cattle, and all the work involved with cattle raising. In 1929 he went to Omaha, Nebraska, with the beef shipment, and there he met some Countrymans who took him to their home for dinner and treated him royally. They said, "You look like a Countryman, act like a Countryman; you belong here. Don't go home; stay here with us."

In the summer of 1933 he worked for the reclamation on the canal from North Fork to South Fork of Little Wind River.

Kathleen came from Texas to visit her two sisters who had married Wyoming men, B.F. Epperson and Pius Ziltner of Crowheart, Wyoming. The young people met and their friendship ripened into a romance, leading to the union of their lives for life. Francis had been operating the Countryman ranch near Ft. Washakie since his parents moved to the former Finn Harrison place at Crowheart which they had purchased. The sale of that place and the home ranch to the Indian Service through the Land Purchasing Plan for the Indians resulted in Countrymans buying the Hudson ranch near the Oregon Trail Crossing on the Sweetwater River for their Hereford cattle. After feeding the cattle the hay that winter, Francis and Kathleen moved out on the Sweetwater to help run the cattle ranch. Here Francis built an addition and a rock shop onto his home. They hunted jade during the summers. Francis became a skilled lapidarist. Many people visited and bought from him each season.

Francis went out of the cattle business about 1976, selling all of his "Pick & Shovel" herd. Kathleen still resides on the Sweetwater and operates the "Oregon Trail Rock Shop."

by Dorothy Kimball

COUNTRYMAN, CHARLES LEE & EMMA (DONAVON)

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Left to right: Edward (Jake) Countryman, son of Joseph; Mary Ellen (Countryman) Patterson Steinquist, daughter of Joseph; Franklin (Dick), stepson of Joseph; and Charles Lee Countryman, son of Joseph.

Charles, of Joseph, Jr., of Joseph.

Charles Lee Countryman, son of Joseph and Nancy (Green) Countryman, was born in Plainfield, Illinois, on July 19, 1884, and died June 22, 1965. He is buried in Plainfield Cemetery.

He married Emma Donavon of Joliet, Illinois, in 1906. Charles and Emma were the parents of seven children: Arthur Wm. Countryman, born 1907, died 1944; Leona (Countryman) Fraenckel, born 1908, died 1983; Clara (Countryman) Siddun, born 1911, died 1981; Gertrude (Countryman) Jungles, born 1914; Rhoda (Countryman) Weber, born 1916; Charles E. Countryman, born 1922, died 1953; and Lester G. Countryman, born 1925, died 1962.

Charles Lee Countryman was a 32nd Degree Mason and he was police chief of Plainfield, Illinois, for 12 years.

by Loretta Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, CHARLES RAYNOR

F106

The Wyoming Countrymans — Who can supply the missing link?

Both Charles Raynor Countryman and Anna Ethelyn (Bartell) Countryman spoke little of their forefathers. Perhaps they did not know as they both lost their parents at an early age. Anna had a brother John and sisters Mary and Martha. Charles had a brother Edward, a half brother Will and half sisters Mary and Nellie.

Charles Raynor Countryman was born February 22, 1849, at Rockford, Illinois. He died July 25, 1928, in Lander, Wyoming. He was married in Omaha, Nebraska, May 28, 1876, to Anna Ethelyn Bartell, born in Alcater [Elkader?], Iowa, June 22 , 1856. Anna died February 18, 1933, in Lander, Wyoming. They had six children, three sons and three daughters.

(1) Ethel May was born at Sherman Hill, Wyoming, November 16, 1877, and died December 29, 1959, in Lander, Wyoming. She married Lawrence Phillips November 8, 1907. They had two daughters, Fanchon Spriggs and Lillian Presgrove.

(2) Mark Ward was born at Sherman Hill, Wyoming, September 11, 1879, and died February 5, 1947, at his "Drift Fence Ranch" on the Sweetwater. He married Ida Irene Irvine September 5, 1906. They were blessed with nine children: Charles Francis, Dorothy Jean, Margaret Helen, Manuel Ward, twin girls Virginia Rose and Mildred Anna, Constance Truth, Isobel Joyce, and John Roscoe.

(3) Charles Commodore was born at Sherman Hill, Wyoming,, August 24, 1881, and died in Lander, Wyoming, February 10, 1936. He never married.

(4) Donald Roscoe was born at Sherman Hill, Wyoming, December 7, 1883, and died August 16, 1941, in Lander, Wyoming. He married Mary Collins December 13, 1908. They had four children: Elmer Collins, Audella, Donna Irene, and Roscoe, Jr., who alone survives.

(5) Edna Fanchon was born at Split Rock, Wyoming, March 27, 1889, and died December 21, 1926, in Lander, Wyoming. She married Dudley Knight Irvine (brother of Ida Irene Irvine Countryman) in August 1908 in Casper, Wyoming. They had nine children: Douglas Knight, Anna Rose Marjorie, Donald Wilson, Kenneth Clark, Helen Louise, Raynor Donnevan, Duncan Wendell, Fremont Dalamater (Josef Francais, now known as Joe), and Stanley Craig. Edna died following Stanley's birth and Mark and Ida Countryman (ten days later) took him to raise as a foster son.

(6) Helen Idella was born at Split Rock, Wyoming. She married George Lucas Inkster May 11, 1921, in Lander. Their two children are Helen Emily and George Lucas, Jr. Helen Inkster lives in Pasadena, California, and was 88 years young on June 23, 1985. She is the only living child of Charles Raynor and Anna Ethelyn (Bartell) Countryman.

Obituary of Charles Raynor Countryman

Charles Raynor Countryman, pioneer Sweetwater cattleman, closed his earthly career at the Bishop Randall Hospital on Wednesday, July 25, 1928, at the advanced age of 79 years, 6 months and 4 days. A recent fall resulted in a broken hip and at his advanced age he was unable to withstand the shock and complications which set in to bring to a close his mortal life.

Mr. Countryman was in fact a man self-made. Born at Rockford, Illinois on February 22, 1849, was left an orphan at an early age and made his home with an aunt for a few years. He became a self-supporting news butcher on the railroad trains between Chicago and Racine, Wisconsin, and as he became old enough, he became an employee of the railroad, in which work he grew to mature manhood.

It may have been the early reading and the experience of travel which actuated him to go west, but the fever to see adventure was instilled within him and he went to the frontier town of Dodge City, Kansas, one of the principal points of the old Texas cattle trail over which passed the great herds of longhorns headed for the northwest.

Charles Raynor Countryman with his friends about 1909 at his ranch on Sweet Water (Wyoming). Jessie Johnson (with pipe); Emil Kruger (middle); Countryman in dark suit, with pipe; Martin Tchiedy (in front).

He pushed on into Colorado in the gold excitement days and engaged in mining and kindred pursuits for a number of years in which he found his first success. The west claimed him for its own and one trip back to Omaha for his bride, Miss Anna Ethelyn Bartell, whom he married on May 28, 1876, finally severed his contact with the east and definitely made him a man of the frontier.

The Union Pacific country offered opportunities for them and they came to Cheyenne. He located on Sherman Hill between Cheyenne and Laramie City and operated a curio and general merchandise store as well as having business in Cheyenne and Laramie. The desire of the tourist traveller for the Wyoming moss agates, led him to make a trip to the beds on the Sweetwater near Split Rock in 1884. He outfitted with a four-horse wagon and his view of this country changed his mind as to his future. He saw a magnificent range, ample water, timber on the nearby mountains, and all that goes to make up a successful opportunity to engage in the cattle business. The next year found him back locating a place in Natrona County about six miles below the present Split Rock post office. He took out the first water right on the Sweetwater under the old territorial water laws and built the first dam across that stream for irrigation purposes. Within the year he closed out his business and invested in cattle. The family and stock came the next year and Mr. Countryman was well launched into the cattle business.

The winter which followed was the coldest the west has experienced in the memory of man. His bunch of cattle perished and but two cows came through the winter. With this as a new start he hung on, gaining slowly but surely until he had reestablished himself and in the years until 1911, when he cleaned up, had accumulated a comfortable fortune. Leonard M. Claytor bought the ranch and is the present owner.

The story of the Sweetwater is the story of his life's activities. He knew the hardships and privations of the pioneer, shared with him by his wife and growing family. Deprived of good schools and churches and the opportunities of thickly settled sections, they made the best of what they had and reared their children to be honest and industrious and made good citizens.

The ranch became a stage station when the line came through from Rawlins to Lander and the Countryman ranch was always remembered for its hospitality and concern for the comfort of others. Other activities claimed his attention as well as the stock business. He did ditch work for other ranchers, operated a sawmill on Green Mountain, contracted to build flumes and dams, bridges and fences, anything which gave him a market for his lumber. Later he became a community livestock broker and handled a number of large sales.

In 1912 the family moved to Lander. He made his investments in town in income property by buying the Orchard block which he gave his personal care until failing health required that he give up that work. He purchased extensive holdings on the Indian reservation and his son and son-in-law made them their homes and have developed fine ranches.

The services at the Episcopal Church were marked by simplicity. The grey plush casket held two wreaths and others were placed about the front of the church. The choir composed of Mrs. P.B. Coolidge, Mrs. Harry Baldwin, Carl Earl and William Dugan sang the old familiar hymns the deceased learned in his childhood: "Abide With Me," "Rock of Ages," and "Nearer My God to Thee." Dr. W.W. Kennerly spoke from the text "There were also with Him other little ships." The speaker spoke of the far reaching benefits which come to us in life through the work and influence of others as the little ships which cross the sea found peace and calm because the Master silenced the waves. The pall bearers were Leslie Read, Arthur Vaughn, August Dupont, Thomas Dunne, Donald Beaton, Sr. and Frank E. McIntyre.

Friends of the days when he was a rancher on the Sweetwater came in from that section and among the number were Mr. and Mrs. James Graham, Jacob Jacobs, Emil Jammerman, John Nolan and Mason Rigby. Burial took place at Mount Hope.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Countryman are all living except Mrs. Edna Irvine, who passed away December 21, 1926. Mrs. Ethel Phillips of Burris, Mrs. Helen Inkster of Lander, Mark W. Countryman of Ft. Washakie, Charles Countryman of Lander and Roscoe Countryman of Rawlins were present at the funeral. A brother, Edward, lives at Walsenberg, Colorado, but was unable to come on account of serious illness.

Funeral services for Mr. Countryman were held at Trinity Episcopal Church in Lander. Burial was in Mount Hope cemetery.

obituary written by Mrs. Ida Countryman
submitted by Dorothy Kimball

COUNTRYMAN, CHARLES T.

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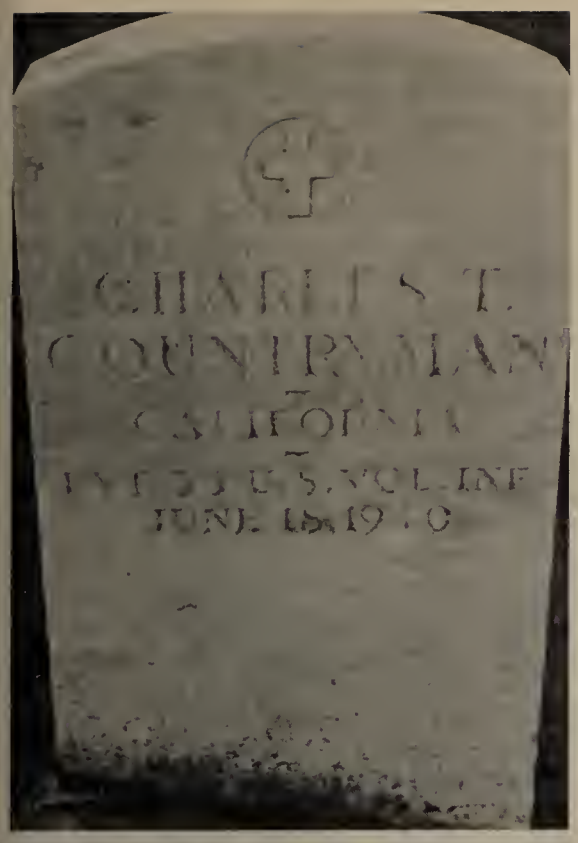
Charles T. Countryman, taken about 1900.

Charles, of Eli, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

In the beginning in the year of 1852, Eli Countryman and a brother, Alex Countryman, crossed the plains to California, where they settled in Butte and Yuba counties, to seek their fortunes in gold mining. Soon they married and reared families. Of Eli's family there were only three children that grew to adult age. He passed away in the year of 1880 at Bangor, California, where he and his wife managed and ran a large hotel owned by his wife's mother, Mrs. Payne.

Alex married a widow with children and he decided to go to Montana where a brother, Horace Countryman, lived. It was agreed that he take his brother's son Charles with him. Charles Thomas Countryman claimed a part



Grave 758, Presidio, San Francisco, California — Charles T. Countryman.

of the site where Columbus, Montana, stands today. He proved up on his place and received the deed to this land in 1884. He sold Henry Countryman the property where he built his home, the first home in Columbus, Montana, a cabin.

Henry Countryman came to the Yellowstone with W.H. Norton and they settled on a portion of land three miles above the present station of his father, Horace Countryman. Henry married Miss Rosa B. Gibbons, a native of Montana, in the fall of 1882. His father, Horace, built the first saloon in Columbus, and also a large hotel. Henry ran this saloon for his father, who was also postmaster as well as being the owner of a toll ferry.

Horace was active in the Masonic Lodge. When he died he requested he be buried at Deer Lodge, Montana. Horace married Miss Elizabeth Payne of Illinois. My grandfather, Eli Countryman, married Miss Patience Payne of Wisconsin. Do you know if they were any relation?

Rosa B. Countryman, wife of Henry, wanted to ride Charles's horse that he would race in mining camps and different places and he told her *no* , so while he was away she took the horse and rode it. This made Henry very angry, so when Charles went to the saloon to get the horse, Henry took him out behind the saloon, beat him unmercifully, and told him if he came back he would kill him. Henry was 34 and Charles wasn't of age when this happened. Charles went to the gunsmith and bought two hand guns and went back to the saloon. He told me as he came through the door Henry shot him in the side. He waited until Henry came from behind the bar and shot him and he fell. He said, "I advanced to where he lay and emptied my gun, I was so mad."

I didn't know I had an uncle until 1921, just before our mother passed away. A man came to our place with a suitcase and banjo and my mother knew him. Dad wasn't at home at this time, so there was great rejoicing when Dad got home. He stayed with us and was present when Mother passed away.

I knew this uncle in a different way, as a kind person, and this tragedy bothered him greatly. After my mother told us of this story and how beautiful Henry's wife was, and how jealous he was of her, I believe he let his mind wander too far and accused her wrongfully. This must have bothered her greatly, for I learned she took her own life. I had no more desire to write this story.

Charles Thomas Countryman enlisted at Marysville, California, with the First Volunteers of the U.S. Army, Spanish-American War in 1898 and mustered out as a wagoner. He had his rank reduced to private in 1901. He drew a pension from the government in his older age. I took care of all arrangements and was told he would like to be buried at the Presidio, San Francisco, California. His date of death was June 18, 1940; he was buried in Section E West, Grave #758 on June 21, 1940.

Dad died in 1930 but we still had Uncle Charles. My times spent in visiting him at Challenge, California, are fond memories. We would gather apples and I would bake pies. We would mine together, and one time I voiced the desire to work again on a ranger station, and he went to friends, got him a job as a ranger and me as a telephone operator, as I had done this work with my first husband. We were installed at Crocker Station out of Beckwith, California. Beryl and I went up on the train and Uncle Charles met us at the station. He just loved my baby Donnie, who was just a year old that summer.

We went by horse and buggy to the station where we met Mr. and Mrs. Gould. He was district ranger and lived at LaPorte, above Challenge, so it was no trouble to get this station. We straightened up our quarters and decided to go fishing. Mr. Gould and Uncle Charles had a nice mess of fish so we returned to the station. We were preparing dinner when Donnie fell to the floor. Uncle Charles picked him up and we discovered he had a high temperature.

Uncle Charles hitched up the team and took us to Beckwith to the doctor. This doctor was known for his skill in saving lives during the Chilkoot Tunnel of the Western Pacific Railroad. He told us Donnie had pneumonia and he would do all he could to save his life. We were to stay out of the way, not to open or close doors, so there would be no draft. He worked all night with my baby and for two weeks we didn't hardly breathe. Uncle Charles returned to the station. In the meantime, he knew the people where we were staying and he was a friend of Uncle Charles and was in Reno at this time. So we stayed at this house, as the baby was too ill to move. The doctor told Uncle Charles that if the baby stayed in this high country he would no doubt take it again. So I had to give up the job that I had wanted so badly.

Uncle Charles stayed on at the station and I believe God willed it that way, as they were bringing down the water from a large mountain behind the ranger station, all having guns as there were wild animals in these mountains. Uncle Charles saved a young man's life by killing a grizzly bear while putting the pipeline to the station for water. The fellow was digging a trench for the pipe when the bear appeared and he shot the bear. It was gaining on the running man when Uncle Charles dropped down and emptied his gun into the bear.

by Maude Pierce

COUNTRYMAN, CLARE ALONZO

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Front: Helen Sanderson, Floyd Countryman, Dorothy Smith. Back: Clare A., Frank K., Richard F., and John E. Countryman.

Clare, of Floyd, of James A., of Daniel, of John, of John I., of Conradt I.

Clare Alonzo Countryman was born January 9, 1902, at Lindenwood, Illinois, the oldest son of Marion Beth Pullen and Floyd Moses Countryman. Clare attended a one-room school about one-half mile north of the Countryman farm that great-grandfather Daniel had homesteaded in June 1855. His high school education took five years as he took off 1917, his sophomore year, to help his father on the farm during World War I. He was captain of the Rochelle High football team, playing quarterback. He also played baseball and basketball during his senior year of 1920, and was known then as a "fancy dancer."

Clare eloped with 16-year-old Elizabeth DeLaney on April 5, 1923, before Z.B. Mitchell, police magistrate at Sycamore, Illinois. But it was Clare who had to produce proof that he was of legal age to marry. They traveled by train to Chicago where they honeymooned. Later, they exchanged their vows before a priest at St. Patricks Church, Rochelle, Illinois.

Millard Floyd was born in Rochelle May 6, 1926, the same year Clare began working for California Packing Corporation. As time passed, Clare was transferred to DeKalb, where Janet Marie was born February 17, 1934. Clare resigned from Cal Pack in 1944 after 18 years and went farming at Clare, Illinois. Elizabeth died February 1, 1946, and was buried at St. Patricks Cemetery, Rochelle. Janet joined 4-H in 1946 and Clare selected shorthorn steers from the Countryman Livestock Farm which were raised and shown at events in DeKalb County, Kansas City and Chicago for the next three years.

Clare married Louise O. Fleming on June 11, 1948. Their daughter, Karen, was born July 10, 1949, at DeKalb, Illinois. Millard enlisted in the army in 1951. Clare bought into a shorthorn herd of cattle at Maquoketa,

Iowa, and moved his family there. Clare worked as a herdsman at the Brooks Angus Ranch at Brady, Texas, and then on to Lake Worth, Florida. Later, he opened a drive-in restaurant there, too.

About 1961 Clare moved his family for the last time to Cocoa, Florida, where he and Louise opened a Heavenly Fried Chicken carry-out catering service business. They bought their home in Rockledge, Florida. Clare suffered a massive stroke November 19, 1985, and remained in a twilight coma until April 12, 1986, when he died at the Merritt Manor Nursing Home, Merritt Island, Florida. Funeral services were held at the Wylie-Baxter Funeral Home, Rockledge, Florida, April 15, 1986, with burial at Riverview Memorial Cemetery, Cocoa, Florida.

by Janet (Countryman) Current

COUNTRYMAN, CLARISSA LUCINDA

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Clarissa Lucinda (Countryman) Peters and her second husband, Gottlieb Zimmermann, were married at Wheeling, Cook County, Illinois, on 12 November 1864. Gottlieb was born in 1837; Clarissa was born in 1842.

Clarissa Lucinda (Countryman) Peters Zimmermann

Clarissa, of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

The fifth child born to Catharina (Dockstader) and Heinrich C. Countryman was Clarissa Lucinda, known also as Clara, Carrie, and Lucy. Her parents were living at Paine's Hollow, Little Falls Township, Herkimer County, New York, at the time of her birth on 10 April 1842.

At the age of two she traveled with her family to their new home in Illinois via an Erie Canal barge and a Great Lakes steamer. They first settled on a farm in Vernon Township, Lake County, and a few years later moved south into Wheeling Township, Cook County. The family attended the Aux Plaine (North Northfield) Evangelical Association church, and later the Wheeling/Long Grove German Methodist Mission Church.

On 8 October 1860 Clarissa was married to John Peters II by Justice of the Peace Conrad

Charles Conrad Zimmermann with his twin sisters, Katharina Sophia and Barbara Philinda (left to right), children of Gottlieb and Clarissa Zimmermann. Possible taken on the 16th birthday of the twins, about 1884, and probably in Rochelle, Ogle County, Illinois.

L. Diehl in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. They made their home in East Wheeling, Cook County. (In the 1860 census, taken July 27, a John Peters, age 17, born in New York, is listed with a John and Margaret Peters, both age 51 and both born in Scotland. Two younger children, James, age 13, and Margaret, age 11, were born in Illinois. This family were farmers in Elk Grove Township, Cook County, a southern neighborhood of Wheeling Township.)

A child, John Daniel Alfred ("Daniel"), was born to John and Clarissa on 30 March 1861. A Margaret Winchell of Northfield, Cook County, assisted in the birth. The father soon felt compelled to fight in the Civil War for the freedom of the slaves and enlisted 13 August 1862 for three years. He was mustered into Company K of the Eighty-eighth Infantry Illinois Volunteers as a private on 27 August 1862. The group was organized in Chicago by Colonel Francis T. Sherman and was known at the "Second Board of Trade Regiment." They left Chicago September 4 and went into camp below Jeffersonville, Wayne County, Illinois. After receiving arms they moved to Covington, Kentucky, then to Louisville. From there on October 1 they marched with several other brigades in pursuit of Bragg, with Brigadier General P.H. Sheridan commanding. They engaged in the battle of Perryville on October 8 with several casualties. On December 26 they marched in the advance upon Murfreesborough, Tennessee, and here engaged in the Battle of Stone River from December 31 to January 3. It was during the first day of this battle that young John Peters was killed, leaving Clarissa a widow with a baby.

Clarissa received a government pension of $8.00 a month until her marriage to Gottlieb Zimmermann in 1864. Her brother Conrad, who was residing in Ela Township, Lake County, post office Long Grove, was then appointed legal guardian of young Daniel.

On 12 November 1864 widow Clarissa Lucinda (Countryman) Peters was married to Gottlieb Zimmermann in Wheeling Township, Cook County, Illinois, by J. Sidonleins, a minister of the Gospel. Gottlieb was born in Germany 4 January 1837.

A son, Charles Conrad, was born to them in 1866, probably in Wheeling. By 1870 the family were residing in Yorktown Township, Henry County, possibly moving there in 1867 with Clarissa's parents and three brothers. Twins Katharina Sophia and Barbara Philinda were born 8 November 1868. In 1871 twins Sarah O. and Clara A. were born. Baby brother Philipp G.H. arrived in 1874. Another child was born to Gottlieb and Clarissa, but the details are unknown.

The family resided on a 120-acre farm in Sections 23 and 26 east of Hooppole which in 1870 was valued at $800, with their personal property being valued at $200.

Tragedy again struck the family. Gottlieb became terminally ill when Philipp was but a few months old. He wrote and signed his will on 6 February 1875 and bid farewell to his wife and children on 1 July 1875. William Mathis became guardian of the children. George Magenheimer was executor of the estate. Pastor H. Gagstatter of the Hooppole Evangelical Church wrote the obituary which appeared in *Der Christliche Botschafter* dated 28 July 1875. It read (translated): "In living hope of eternal life, Brother Gottlieb Zimmermann died in Yorktown Township, Henry County, Illinois, at the age of 38 years 5 months and 27 days of consumption [tuberculosis] connected with heart disease. The deceased came from Graben, Grand Duchy of Baden, for about 13 years in that land, and [then] took up his residence near Wheeling, Cook County. Later he went with his family to the above area, he was converted and served God until his life's end. During his long suffering he was confident and resigned in the triumph of his faith in his Redeemer. He leaves behind a mourning wife and 6 small children, which God will look after." Gottlieb is believed to be buried in the Zion Evangelical Church Cemetery at Hooppole.

By 1880 Clarissa had married a Mr. Henke. She was either divorced or widowed again by census-time, June 2. She and the children, except Daniel, were living on Flagg Street in the city of Rochelle, Flagg Township, Ogle County, Illinois. To support herself and the children (ages 5 to 13 in 1880), Clarissa ran a boardinghouse. The children also helped out as they became old enough. Charles at age 13 was a waterboy on the trains. Twins Katie and Barbara worked in a stocking factory at a very young age.

In 1885 Clarissa bore the burden of purchasing a cemetery lot (containing six plots) at the Lawn Ridge Cemetery on the west edge of Rochelle. The first of her oldest twins died of tuberculosis on 9 October 1885. Katie was 16 years 11 months 1 day old. A year later Katie's twin, Barbara, was also dead from tuberculosis on 25 October 1886, two weeks before her 18th birthday. A common monument, with fading lettering, marks their graves.

By 1900 Clarissa was residing with bachelor son Philipp on a farm which they had purchased (according to the census) in Farmington Township, LaCrosse County, Wisconsin. Also living with them at that time was granddaughter Flossie Peters, age 12. Sometime after 1908 Clarissa and Philipp

homesteaded two 160-acre tracts of farmland in Montana, near Miles City.

Clarissa's death occurred nine months after the onset of carcinoma of the liver, but she had also suffered from chronic myocarditis for two years. Her obituary appeared in the *Banner Journal* , Black River Falls, Wisconsin, on 19 May 1926. "Mrs. Clarissa L. Zimmerman . . . died at the [DeWolf home] in the town of Irving on Sunday May 9, 1926, at the age of 84 years 29 days. The remains were brought to this city and prepared for burial at the Gilbertson undertaking rooms and were shipped from here to Rochelle, Illinois, where the services will be held today. Her remains were accompanied by her three sons and daughter . . . Mrs. Sarah DeWolf of Melrose [Wisconsin], John [Peters] of Cataract [Wisconsin], Charles of Aurora, Illinois, and Philip of Ismay, Montana. Mrs. Zimmerman came to this county a couple of months ago and had been visiting her children in this section. She was a lady highly regarded by all of her many friends, who extend sincere sympathy to her children in their sorrow." Clarissa is buried in an unmarked grave beside the twins at the Lawn Ridge Cemetery in Rochelle.

by Lorraine Weick

COUNTRYMAN, CLAUDE HOWARD

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Claude, of William Edward, of Isiah, of George.

Claude Howard Countryman, known as Claude and sometimes "Wheezer," was the younger of the two children of William E. and Sarah F. (Howard) Countryman. He was born on a farm about three miles northwest of Galveston, Indiana. When he was two years old, he moved with his parents to their new farm four miles northwest of Galveston. Here he grew up and attended the district school near his home, and began farming.

In 1915 he was married to Miss Gertrude B. Highley of Jonesboro. They began housekeeping in Galveston, where they lived until 1950, when they returned to the farm. While in town, he drove a stock truck, but still farmed much of the time.

He was a member of the Galveston Universalist Church, and a member of the Jackson Township Farm Bureau and Co-Op. His date of birth was October 5, 1887. He was taken in death June 10, 1954. The cause of his death was coronary thrombosis.

Claude and his wife Gertrude (Highly) were happily married. To this home were born three children. Their first son was Highley, their second son was Harold, and their third, a daughter, Lois Ann.

Claude was known as a sports activist. He was especially well known for football. He played semi-pro. He acquired the nickname "Wheezer" for the fact that he had his nose broken many times and when he started playing football he wheezed heavily. He was well-known throughout the community and was successful in both farming and trucking.

Lois Ann, the daughter of Claude and Gertrude (Highly) Countryman, was born November 3, 1925. She married Walter Casper, Jr., and they have three children, Karen, their oldest, Eric, and Dianne. Eric is an attorney at present. The family resides in Boca Raton, Florida.

Portions of the information on Claude was taken from a J. Thomas Co. obituary. The rest was gathered by J. Benjamin.

by Jo Benjamin

COUNTRYMAN, CLAYTON & VELMA (OTT)

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Clayton, of William.

Velma (Ott) Countryman's parents were Emil Ott (May 24, 1849–July 5, 1926) and Elizabeth Bauer (July 8, 1862–May 28, 1926). They were married April 8, 1883, in Hooppole, Illinois. They farmed near Hooppole and retired to Hooppole in about 1908. Ten children were born to this union. Velma and her twin brother Vernon were their last children, born October 3, 1903. Vernon passed away May 21, 1927, of tuberculosis.

Clayton Countryman was born September 21, 1901, and died May 12, 1975, in Hooppole. He was a farmer and the son of William and Sylvia (Goembel) Countryman. He married Velma Ott (born October 3, 1903) on June 9, 1926, in Hooppole. Rev. Edward Countryman, uncle of Clayton, performed the ceremony. Velma was an elementary school teacher before her marriage. They had five children:

(1) Clayton William (Bill) Countryman was born April 28, 1927. He attended Geneseo High School, joining the navy after his graduation. This was at the end of World War II. After four years in the navy he attended North Central College at Naperville, Illinois. After graduating he traveled many places, ending up in Anchorage, Alaska. He helped pave many streets there. He and a friend drove the Pan American Highway as far as they could and then flew to South America where he had a trip into the Amazon Forest. There he was among the headhunters. He could not understand them but they treated him like a king. He fixed their machinery, which pleased them. He came back to Hooppole for a visit before returning to Anchorage. Bill was also on a team that surveyed for the Alaskan pipeline. He then taught fourth grade in the Anchorage school system and is still there at this writing. He married Alice Briggs in March 1964 in Anchorage. They have a daughter, Katherine, who was born May 28, 1966, and is now in college.

(2) Marvin Ott Countryman was born April 18, 1930. He is a farmer and also worked for the International Harvestor Company for many years. He married Juanita Ohrn on February 26, 1950, in Orion. They have two children, Sharilee and Troy. Sharilee Countryman was born September 25, 1950. She married Cecil Porter II in August 1973. They have three children: Kellie Porter, born June 1, 1974; Cecil Earl Porter III, born December 16, 1975; and Kristin Ann Porter, born December 11, 1980. Troy Arlyn Countryman was born August 3, 1960. He married Debra Gellespie (born October 21, 1959) on April 14, 1983.

(3) Barbara Countryman was born July 18, 1934. She graduated from North Central College in Naperville, Illinois. On June 9, 1954, she married Donald Nunnally (born August 1, 1929), who graduated from the Seminary of North Central College in 1954. They served several different charges in Nebraska and he was district superintendent for four years. He is now serving a charge in Lincoln, Nebraska. They have five children. Janet Nunnally was born February 4, 1959 (adopted). Douglas Nunnally was born April 2, 1961 (adopted). He is in the navy in California. Bruce Nunnally was born February 20, 1965 (adopted). He is in the Air Force in Colorado. He married Sherri Brown on December 31, 1983. Carol Nunnally was born May 14, 1965. She is in college in Lincoln, Nebraska. Gary Nunnally was born December 4, 1969. He is a sophomore in Lincoln High School.

(4) John Vernon Countryman was born May 5, 1936. He is a farmer in Hooppole. He married Gladys Bush (born January 9, 1936) on June 21, 1958. They were divorced in 1970. They had four children, Sandra, Nancy, Steven, and Peggy. Sandra Kay Countryman was born April 15, 1959. She married Brad Luedke (born June 18, 1959) on November 12, 1977. They have three girls: Courtney Marie, born May 1, 1978; Nicole Kristen, born April 13, 1981; and Amanda Sue, born December 14, 1985. Nancy Lee Countryman was born July 30, 1960. She married David Klotz (born July 6, 1959) on May 26, 1982. He died November 29, 1985, following an 11-month illness (leukemia). They had one daughter, Ashli Rose, born August 21, 1985. Steven John Countryman was born December 1, 1961. He graduated from the University of Illinois and is now working in Fort Worth, Texas, as a metallurgical engineer. Peggy Sue Countryman was born November 7, 1963. She graduated from Blackhawk East Junior College and is working in Victoria, Illinois.

(5) Margaret Elizabeth Countryman was born April 19, 1938. She now lives in Ottumwa, Iowa. She graduated from Northeast Missouri State in Kirksville, Missouri, with a degree in nursing. She is now teaching nursing in an Ottumwa hospital. She married Vernon Trucano (born November 2, 1937) on June 9, 1960, in Hooppole. He is the district manager for a seed corn company in Ottumwa and the surrounding area. They have four children, Susan, DeAnn, Joan, and John. Susan Trucano was born September 24, 1961, in Augusta, Illinois. She was an exchange student in Austrailia for one year when she was 16. She graduated from Iowa State College in Ames, Iowa. She then traveled to Malaysia, Japan, China, and Taiwan, teaching English to refugees. While in Taiwan she met her husband, Sam Gong, a Chinese. They were married on September 21, 1985, in Ottumwa. They now live in Urbana, Illinois. Susan is teaching English to refugees and Sam is working in a computer shop. They are hoping to continue college in the fall of 1986. DeAnn Trucano was born May 25, 1964, in Orion, Illinois. She will graduate from the University of Iowa in May 1986 with a degree in nursing. She is then going to Anchorage, Alaska, to work in a hospital. Joan Trucano was born January 3, 1966, in Mount Vernon, Illinois. She is a sophomore at Iowa State College. John Vernon Trucano was born July

12, 1970, and is in high school in Ottumwa.

by Velma Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, CLEVELAND E. & SUSIE (SCHAEFFER)
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The family of Cleveland and Susie Countryman. Standing: Ardell and Cleveland; seated: Susie and Dayton Countryman.

Cleveland, of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Cleveland Eli, son of Andrew J. and Sabrina (Adair) Countryman, was born May 23, 1890, at Moville, Iowa. He married Susie Schaeffer, daughter of Ernest Henry and Maria (Bockenthein) Schaeffer, on February 26, 1914, at Moville, Iowa. Susie was born March 9, 1890, at Pierson, Iowa.

The young couple first started farming east of Moville. Later, in the spring of 1917, they moved to their farm home in Section 9, Rutland Township, Woodbury County, Iowa, four miles west of Pierson. This was a 240-acre farm owned by my grandfather, E.H. Schaeffer.

Here they had lived less than two years when the World War I influenza epidemic struck the entire household. My father passed away on the early morning of November 23, 1918. The two clocks in the house seemed to have foretold the time when both stopped during the fifth hour of the previous morning. My mother was left with two small sons, Ardell, three, and Dayton, who was seven months old. I was born May 3, 1915, and Dayton was born March 31, 1918.

During the short time that my father lived in the Pierson community, he established a reputation as a good farmer, a good neighbor, and a loving husband and father. Besides the farm that he operated, he found time to own and operate a steam-driven threshing machine. He also had one of the first Heider three-plow tractors.

Mother continued to operate the farm for another year with the help of Uncle George and Aunt Lillie Morgan. The following year her youngest brother, Wendell, returned from the war in France. She had a farm sale and continued to keep house for him. In the spring of 1926 Uncle Wendell had a closing-out farm sale; Mother had taken training as a hairdresser and was ready to open a shop in our home in Moville, Iowa. My grandfather Schaeffer passed away early in 1932 leaving that Rutland Township farm to my mother, so another move in 1933 found her back on the farm with her two sons. Here she lived for the remainder of her days.

During the time that Mother and Dad lived on this farm, 1917–1918, the two of them were repairing a fence near our home when he lost his small gold pocket watch. Forty years later, Mother found it in the same area. The back still bore his initials, *CEC* . It had been slightly creased by some tillage implement, but the face had a cover which was still intact. I took it to a jeweler in Sioux City, Iowa, who replaced a few damaged parts. The old watch is again in running order, a precious keepsake indeed.

Mother had an interest in local community activities and travelled extensively, visiting her parents' homeland in Germany as well as other points in Europe, the Holy Land, Egypt, and most of the states, Canada, and Mexico. Her memberships included Salem Lutheran Church, Order of the Eastern Star, Rebekah Lodge, and Evergreen Club.

She passed away December 1, 1972, and is buried beside her husband at Arlington Cemetery, Moville, Iowa. A daily diary of the last ten days before November 23, 1918, was found shortly after her death, describing that most tragic time of her life. Her two sons and their families have much to be thankful for the life of this loving parent.

by Ardell Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, CLIFFORD SAMUEL
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Clifford, of Joseph Dodge, of Eli.

Clifford Samuel Countryman, second son of Joseph Dodge and Pamelia Millie (Davis) Countryman, married Miss Ardath Lupay Ballein, born July 24, 1899, at Thermalito, California, on April 25, 1917. Two daughters were born to this union. Ardath Fay Countryman, born January 7, 1918, passed away April 9, 1918, at Oroville, Butte County, California. May Marie Countryman, born April 30, 1920, at Oroville, California, married Mr. Warren Clayton de Laney, born March 23, 1914, in San Francisco, California, on June 16, 1937, at Carson City, Nevada. Four children were born of this union: Warren Clayton de Laney, born September 17, 1939, at Fort Bragg, California; Ardath Marie de Laney, born August 13, 1941, at Mendecino, California; Kenneth James de Laney, born December 15, 1944, at Napa, California; and Sandra Lee de Laney, born September 3, 1947, at Oroville, California.

Warren Clayton de Laney married Mrs. Linda Lois Lea Turner, born March 15, 1942, at Honolulu, Hawaii, at Reno, Nevada, November 18, 1971. A daughter was born to this marriage: Virginia Lynn de Laney, born August 14, 1974.

Ardath Marie de Laney married Douglas B. Wilton. A daughter was born to this union: Tami Lee Wilton, born April 8, 1959, at Marysville, California. Ardath Marie (de Laney) Wilton married Mr. John Martin in 1961 at Reno, Nevada, and to this marriage three daughters and one son were born: Lois Lynn Martin, born August 10, 1962, at Sacramento, California; Linda Marie Martin, born August 31, 1963, at Sacramento; John Andrew Martin, born September 15, 1964, at Sacramento; and Terri Ann Martin, born January 3, 1966, at Sacramento. Lois Lynn Martin is not married. Linda Marie Martin married John Ray Childers (date of marriage not known) and two children have been born of this union: Julian Marie Childers, born December 9, 1980, Travis Air Force Base, Fairfield, California; and John Ray Childers, born May 26, 1982, Travis Air Force Base. John Andrew Martin is serving in the U.S. Navy; he is not married.

Kenneth James de Laney married Miss Janette Leyton, born June 3, 1946, at San Francisco, California, August 28, 1965, at San Francisco. To this union were born four children: Cheryle Lyn de Laney, September 5, 1968, at Daily City, California; Milessa Marie de Laney, May 27, 1973, Daily City; Jason Zachary de Laney, May 9, 1976, Daily City; and Jacob Adam de Laney, September 28, 1978, San Francisco, California.

Sandra Lee de Laney was married August 25, 1963, at Reno, Nevada, to Frank Cortijo. To this union four children were born: Charles Alexander Cortijo, January 25, 1964, in Illinois; Niki Lee Cortijo, January 20, 1966, at Fairfield, California; Stormi Gayle Cortijo, October 5, 1968, at Tacoma, Washington; and Brandon Cortijo, November 13, 1970, at Tacoma, Washington. Frank Cortijo is serving with the U.S. Air Force.

Tami Lee Walton, daughter of Ardath Marie (de Laney) Walton, married Mr. David Norman Allred, Jr., October 21, 1983, at the Oakland Temple, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. A son was born to this union, Jonathan David Allred, October 9, 1984. At the time of their marriage their residence was in Cottonwood, Arizona. I believe they now live in Tempe, Arizona. They are very active in the church.

Clifford Samuel Countryman married Miss Ruth Cooper of Paskenta, California. No date of this marriage, no issue. He passed away at Red Bluff, California, December 16, 1963, buried at Red Bluff, Tehama County, California. He was a Mason and was at Pearl Harbor during the bombing. He was held as an alien until we sent proof of his birth so he could return to the U.S.A.

by Maude Pierce

COUNTRYMAN, CONRAD & CATHARINA (MILLER) MILLER

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Conrad Countryman, the 5th, and Catharina (Miller) Miller, probably at the time of their marriage 23 December 1867 in Hooppole, Henry County, Illinois. Conrad, age 34, son of Heinrich and Catharina (Dockstader) Countryman. Catharina, age 41, widow of Heinrich J. Miller, mother of his ten children, daughter of Jacob and Christina Miller, sister of Magdalena (Miller) Countryman.

Conrad, of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Conrad Countryman, the second child of Heinrich C. and Catharina (Dockstader) Countryman, was born 22 July 1833 at Paine's Hollow, Herkimer County, New York. Paine's Hollow is about six miles south of Little Falls and 19 miles west of Canajoharie. At age 11 he was no doubt intrigued by the Erie Canal boat and Great Lakes steamer ride to Illinois with his family, who settled on a farm northwest of Chicago in that year of 1844.

In 1850 Conrad was residing with his parents in Vernon Township, Lake County, and was a famer. By 1860 they were residing in Wheeling, Cook County, and Conrad's occupation was given as laborer. He became the legal guardian of his nephew John Daniel Alfred Peters on 24 January 1865. At that time his residence was given as Ela Township, Lake County, P.O. Long Grove. He had likely moved into the large farm home of his sister Catharina Sophia and her husband, Frank Ruppert.

In 1867 Conrad, his parents, and brother Abram and his wife Magdalena (Miller) took up residence in Yorktown Township, Henry County. That same year on December 23 Conrad became the second husband of Magdalena's sister Catharina, whose husband, Heinrich J. Muller, had died 20 February 1866, leaving Catharina with ten children aged seven months to 20 years.

Catharina was born 9 November 1826 in Baden (Bavaria?) to Jacob and Christina Muller/Miller, who migrated to Buffalo, New York, in 1836. She and Heinrich were married about 1844 and resided in Deerfield Township, Lake County, before moving to Yorktown Township, Henry County, around 1855. Heinrich, who is believed to be a first cousin to Conrad's father, Heinrich C. Countryman, was born in Baden on 5 July 1817. He died of lung fever at 48 years 7 months 15 days in Loraine Township, to which the family had moved after 1860. They were charter members of the Zion Evangelical Association in Hooppole, where Heinrich (Henry) served as class leader and exhorter. Their farm home was described as a "neat and roomy loghouse near the edge of the big slough." The children, all using the surname "Miller" were the following:

(1) Mary Anna, born 25 July 1845, died 1905, married Rev. Martin Eller of the Evangelical Association. Issue: twins Emanuel and Samuel (m. Blanche), Sarah, Frank W., Arthur W., Philip J., and Harry M.

(2) Henry Harrison, born 9 November 1847, died 2 February 1925, married first Rebecca E. Simpson. Issue: Wesley W. (m. Estelle M. Sprague), Ella Viola (m. Orie Abel), Alonzo, Pearl Rebecca (m. first Duel, m. second George Forrester). Henry married second Margaretta Every/Avery? Issue: Kathryn (Kit) Victoria (m. George Ira Hedrick), Amelia Margaret (m. Joseph Henry Zang). Henry married third Agnes Sophronia Heath. Issue: Henry Jay (m. Carol Shortreed), Gertrude Fay (m. James J. Morrow), Albert R. Henry married fourth Mary Jane Carter. He served in the Civil War, Co. E., 151 Illinois Infantry.

(3) William, born 19 March 1850, married Elizabeth. (A school teacher?)

(4) Jacob James "Jack", born 19 March 1852, died 21 February 1940. A school teacher, he married Anna E. Magenheimer. Issue: Maude (m. Cocking), Virgil LeRoy, Clarence J., Ralph H. (m. Maria Hazel Vetter), and Kenneth.

(5) Daniel, born 28 May 1854, died 19 December 1927. He married Rebecca Ott. Issue: Sylvan Lloyd Charles (m. Bunice Jasimsky), Effie Vera (m. Boswell), Raymond M., Emery Earl, Dolliver McKinley, Bethel Eliza (m. Guy Robert Cadwell). A teacher.

(6) Abram A., born 22 August 1856, died 25 January 1935. He married Louisa B. Luther. Issue: Clinton Forrest (m. Ethel Johnson), Rosco Guy (m. Blanche Tonkinson), Donald Abraham (m. Dorothea Baker). A teacher.

(7) Amelia, born 26 March 1858, married John G. Haglock. Issue: Clifford W. and Arthur L.

(8) Sadie L. (Rosetta), born 20 March 1860, died 18 January 1935. She married George Mathis. Issue: Hubert Clark (m. Lenna E.). Sadie was a teacher.

(9) Sanford, born 23 August 1862, died 23 July 1951. He married Alice G. Heath. Issue: Willis, Lenora, Jessie E., Sanford H., Chester, Agnes G., Alice M.C., Hannah E., and Anna M. Sanford was a farmer.

(10) Ella (Elen?), born 20 July 1865, married Rankey/Reinke?

To Conrad and Catharina (Muller) Countryman was born one son, Samuel, in 1872. In the 1877 voters and taxpayers list for Yorktown Township, Henry County, Conrad is listed as a farmer, a Republican, and an Evangelical, with 116 acres in Section 31, post office Annawan. He also owned 40 acres in Loraine Township. Conrad died 10 June 1898 from the effects of a stroke of paralysis which he had suffered seven years prior. S.J. Luehring submitted his obituary to *The Evangelical* published 20 June 1898. "Although for some months unable to attend public services, he was resigned to the will of God. He bore his illness with much patience, waiting the coming of his Lord. At 15 years of age he gave his heart to Christ and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. About 15 years afterward he transferred to the Evangelical Association at Hooppole, Illinois, and was a worthy member until his death."

His wife Catharina had died two years before on 5 January 1896. They had moved from the farm into Hooppole (Lot #18, bought from John Minch) in 1893, and it was here that they both died. Conrad, Catharina, and her first husband, Henry Miller, are buried together at the Hooppole Cemetery, and share a common headstone.

by Lorraine Weick

COUNTRYMAN, CONRAD & MARTHA (DAGUE)

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Martha, Danny, Matt, and Conrad Countryman at Matt's ninth birthday party at their home. The flag cake was decorated by Martha.

Conrad, of Myrlin, of William, of Abraham.

Conrad is the son of Myrlin and Alice (Larson) Countryman. He was born September 27, 1947, in Geneseo, Illinois.

Con attended Centerville Grade School (a rural school), Prophetstown High School, and the University of Illinois from 1965–69, majoring in agriculture economics. It was at the U of I that he met his future wife, Martha. Con entered army reserve training as it was the height of the Vietnam War. After finishing his basic training he returned home in the fall of 1970 to farm, as his father Myrlin's poor health due to emphysema forced him to retire.

On Valentine's Day, February 14, 1971, Conrad married Martha Jo Dague in Longview, Illinois. Martha is the daughter of

Joseph Leonard and Frances (Martinie) Dague. She was born March 26, 1948, in Champaign, Illinois. She had graduated from the University of Illinois in June of 1970 with a degree in math education and had started a master's degree in the same field which she finished by extension courses after they were married. Martha was able to put that degree to use right away, starting to teach in the Tampico Unit a week after she and Con were married. She taught math and reading in the junior high for 2½ years until son Daniel Ryan was born October 8, 1973. He was a real busybody so Con and Martha were relieved when Matthew Allan , born August 24, 1976, was a much calmer toddler.

It is a special joy for us in the Conrad Countryman family to be the fourth and fifth generations of Countrymans to live on this farm in Yorktown Township, Henry County, Illinois. Con has lived here his whole life, first with his parents and grandfather, and after being married with his wife and later his sons. Even though it was not a homestead, we proudly call our farm "Countryman Homestead" since it has been in the family so long — over 100 years. Con has made a sign for our porch entry with a board and square nails from our 100-year-old barn.

The Countrymans lived here a number of years before they bought the farm. We feel it may have been purchased from someone who received the grant in the Blackhawk Indian War.

There were several other Countrymans besides Abraham, Conrad's great-grandfather, who settled in Yorktown Township, but descendants of Abraham's son William, Con's grandfather, are the only ones of the Countryman name that still live in the township. They are: Velma Countryman, widow of Myrlin's brother Clayton; John Countryman, son of Clayton; Conrad, Martha, Daniel, and Matthew Countryman.

Henry County is known as the "Hog Capital of the World" due to its heavy livestock production — cattle, hogs, and sheep — which has decreased over the last several years due to unprofitability. When Con started farming he had both feeder cattle and farrow-to-finish hogs as well as grain. We dropped out of cattle in the middle '70s and hogs in the early '80s.

The home farm which is now 340 acres is a strange combination of sand hills and peat. Con has been very interested in soil conservation. He has been doing quite a bit of no-till planting for several years. We have some of the funniest shaped fields you have ever seen to put all the corn and beans we can between sand hills that can only grow wheat, rye, and in the past some hay. Con was named Henry County Outstanding Conservation Farmer for 1984.

Con has farmed another farm a couple miles away the last few years. The landlords, who were 100 and 101, died in 1985 and Con and Martha were able to buy 137 acres which is mostly sand hills. They will continue to grow rye there as a cash grain and cash straw crop. Con is continually looking for new markets for the rye and straw.

In 1977 Martha took a correspondence course in income tax preparation and worked the following winter part-time. This has lead to a year around part-time tax preparation job at White and Koenig, a Geneseo law office, and an income tax business of her own in which Con works with her. Never a dull moment trying to out-guess the IRS!

Danny and Matt attend Prophetstown-Lyndon Unit Schools and have a 45-minute bus ride each way to the north. Illinois is talking school consolidation now, so hard to tell what will happen in the rural areas.

In 1979 Con and Martha had a special type of reunion at their farm for the Countrymans — a birthday party on the 4th of July for their 100-year-old barn complete with cake decorated by Martha with a likeness of the barn. The barn had a special birthday present of new siding that year. The barn has a "basement" with back entry for livestock, but now mostly serves as storage for the cash straw crop.

Danny and Matt both like it out in the country on the farm until jobs like weed-pulling come along. Danny is getting old enough to drive those "green tractors" and believe it or not enjoys the challenge of straw baling.

God has opened many doors for us in our lives together and we continually thank Him for that.

by Martha Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, CONRAD 2nd

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Conrad, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Friedrich.

Conrad Countryman, probably the second son of Jacob, was born about 1770 in New York. He grew up during the tumultuous years of the Revolutionary War. Mr. David Montgomery of Lancaster, Ontario, believes that Conrad married Cornelia Flensburgh, daughter of William Flensburgh of Albany County, New York. They were probably married sometime after 1790 and became residents of Ontario. Conrad petitioned for and received a land grant in Ontario because he was the son of a Loyalist.

Conrad Countryman's children were born in Onario, or Upper Canada as it was known at that time. The children were: (1) William, born about 1795, married first Clarissa (Fiske) Alexander on 4 December 1828 in Huron County, Ohio, divorce granted 16 August 1843, Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio; he married second Mary Ann McKendrick on 22 February 1846, Allen County, Indiana, divorce granted February 1855, Allen County, Indiana; married third Margaret Ball on 21 June 1856, Allen County, Indiana. William died after 1860, location and date unknown. (2) Peter, born about 1800, married Margaret Nicholas. (3) Jacob, born abot 1803, married Lydia Osborn 27 September 1824, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. (4) John, born between 1804–1810, married Mariah Nance on 13 May 1832, Brooklyn, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. (5) Catherine, born between 1804–1810, married Dayton Thorp on 12 October 1825, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. (6) Elizabeth, born between 1810–1820, married John R. Williams on 23 February 1831, Huron County, Ohio.

In 1818 Conrad brought his family to settle in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. Several of the Cuyahoga County history books credit him as being the first settler in what is today Parma Heights, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. He and his sons built and operated a blacksmith shop, a sawmill, a grist mill, and later operated a tavern on what was known as the Ely Tract. These efforts provided critically important services for the growing community; however, there is no record of Conrad owning the land on which he built these improvements. Perhaps he was engaged by the Ely family to construct and provide these services to ensure the success of the community.

Conrad and his family appear in the 1820 census, Brooklyn Township, Cuyahoga County, Ohio; however, he has not been located in the 1830 census, suggesting that he may have died before that year. We have evidence that he was living on or about 15 August 1822 when he placed an advertisement in the Cleveland newspaper stating that his wife Cornelia had left his bed and board and he was no longer responsible for her debts. Whether they were ever reconciled, or when or where she and Conrad died is as yet unknown. In 1830 John Countryman appears in the Parma Township, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, census, age 20–30, with a female age 60–70. As John would have been the youngest son, it is quite possible this was his mother, Cornelia Countryman. Many of Conrad's children moved further west by 1850, and are located in the census for that year: William in Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana; Peter in Rock County, Wisconsin; and Jacob in Marathon County, Wisconsin.

To this point, it seems that each generation of the Countryman family has sought their own wilderness to conquer: Johann Friedrich to the Hudson Valley, New York, in 1709; Conrad 1st to the Mohawk River Valley, New York; Jacob to Osnabruck, Ontario; Conrad 2nd to the unsettled lands of the Western Reserve in Ohio; and his sons to the newly settled areas of the Midwest. Call them pioneers, adventurers, or opportunists, their lumbering, blacksmithing, milling, and construction skills were critical to the success of the communities they helped to build.

by Ronna K. Bryant

COUNTRYMAN, CONSTANCE TRUTH

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The Wyoming Countrymans — Constance Truth, of Mark Ward, of Charles Raynor.

I am the seventh child of Mark Ward and Ida Irene (Irvine) Countryman, the granddaughter of Charles R. and Anna (Bartell) Countryman. I was born September 1, 1921, at my parents' ranch home, situated on the north fork of the Little Wind River near Ft. Washakie, Wyoming. Although I was named Constance Truth, I have always been called Truth.

I attended school through the eighth grade at the local one-room schoolhouse; thereafter I rode the school bus to Lander, Wyoming, to further my education. I graduated from Fremont County Vocational High School in 1938.

On September 15, 1941, I married my husband, Gasper Albert Borgogno. He was in the Wyoming National Guard and was mobilized for the purpose of a year's military training. On December seventh of the same year the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor so

my husband was in for the "duration," four years, 11 months, and 21 days.

After the war, my husband found employment at Tooele Army Depot, near Tooele, Utah, where he worked until his retirement. We have lived in the small town of Stockton, Utah, for the last 36 years.

We have three sons: Gasper Albert, Jr., John Charles and William Earl. We also have five grandchildren: Steven Earl, Karen Lee (Mrs. Steven Wright), Brenda Lynn (Mrs. Randall Wilder), Bob Albert, and Jennifer Truth.

by Truth C. Borgogno

COUNTRYMAN, CORNELIUS

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Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of Johan Frederich.

Cornelius Countryman, son of Maria Conway and Henry Countryman, was born March 24, 1799, in Ulster County, New York. He was married to Rachel Scott, daughter of Margariet Cross and Henry Scott. Ten children are known to have been born to this union: Henry, Cornelia (married John Marble Wentworth), Elizabeth, Sarah (married John V. Husted), John Watkin, Phebe Jane (married Luke Todd), Elias H., and three other daughters.

Cornelius farmed in Liberty Township, Sullivan County, New York, until about 1855 when he and his family migrated to Wisconsin. They settled in Pulaski Township, Iowa

Cornelius Countryman, taken in Postville, Iowa. The photo is not dated, but was probably taken about 1880.

Rachel (Scott) Countryman, wife of Cornelius. Photo is not dated.

County near Avoca, Wisconsin, farming there for about 20 years. His wife Rachel died sometime between 1870 and 1880.

Cornelius died October 8, 1881, at Split Rock, Minnehaha County, South Dakota. He is buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Sioux Falls, South Dakota on the family plot with son John Watkin Countryman and other family members. There is no grave marker for Cornelius.

by Elieen Klonglan

COUNTRYMAN, DALLAS

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Dallas Duane Countryman, 28 years old.

Dallas, of Harold.

Dallas Duane Countryman was born April 21, 1924, to Harold and Lilly (Elseberry) Countryman at Randolph, Nebraska. He graduated from high school in Mt. Vernon, Washington, in 1942 and was married to Ellen Thompson in 1944. One daughter, Mary Ellen, was born in June 11, 1946, before the marriage ended in divorce. Mary Ellen has a boy, James Glen Countryman, born in September 1967. Mary and James live in Seattle, Washington.

Dallas was married to Helen Erickson in 1957 and three children were born to them: Sheila on December 31, 1958; Mark on September 29, 1960; and Kevin on August 30, 1962. Sheila Countryman is married to Richard Bean and resides in Lynnwood, Washington.

Dallas spent most of his working life as an iron worker and died in Wenatchee, Washington, December 14, 1970.

by Darrell Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, DARRELL & MARION (CAMPBELL)

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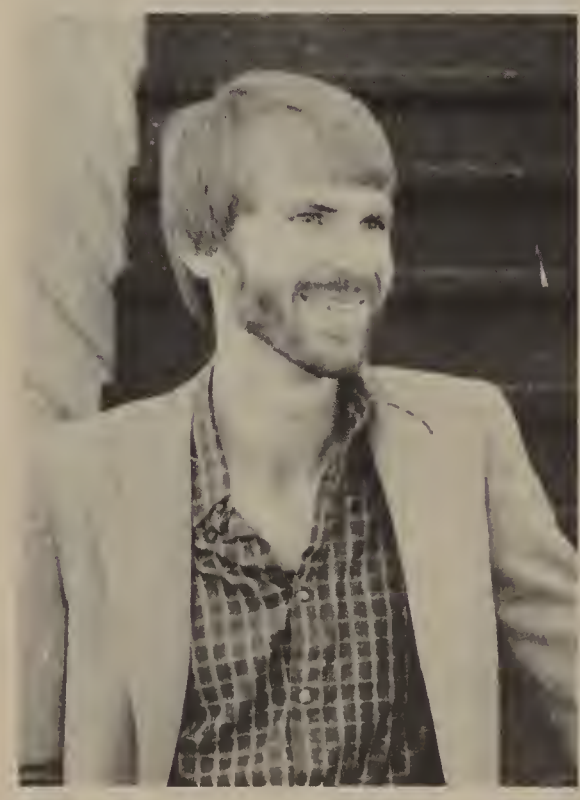
Darrell, of Harold.

Darrell Harold Countryman was born November 6, 1928, to Harold and Lilly (Elseberry) Countryman at Randolph, Nebraska. He graduated from high school in Mt. Vernon, Washington, in 1946 and enlisted in the army. After being discharged he enrolled at the University of Washington — finishing college later at Bob Jones University.

He served in the army a second time during the Korean War and later met and married Marion Campbell in Seattle, Washington. Two children were born to them: Dana on November 11, 1954, at Mt. Vernon, Wash-



Dana Neal Countryman, age 27.

Sharene "Dee" (Countryman) Johnston, age 25.

Marion (Campbell) and Darrell Countryman celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary in May 1977.

ington; and Sharene at Greenville, South Carolina, on February 12, 1957.

Darrell was ordained as a Baptist minister in 1960 and served four churches in Oregon and Washington before opening a private counseling practice in Lynnwood, Washington. He holds degrees from Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina; Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois; Western Conservative Baptist Seminary, Portland, Oregon; and he continues his doctoral studies at Fielding Institute in Santa Barbara, California.

Dana Countryman is unmarried at this printing and lives in Seattle, Washington. Sharene is married to Kirby Johnston and they make their home in Everett, Washington.

by Darrell Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, DAVID & ALICE ROBERTA (PEAKE)

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David, of John A., of William C.

My great-great-grandfather William C. Countryman was born in the 18th century, possibly in Ulster County, New York, west of the Hudson River. Early in the 19th century he was living in western Pennsylvania where his son John A. Countryman was born on July 13, 1811. John and some of his brothers emigrated to Canada and he took up a homestead at Bush Glen, near Osnabruk Center in Stortmont County, Ontario. He married Mary Hanna Hunter, who was born in 1817. They had 13 children: William, Hanna, Margaret, David, Ellen, Tomas, Marian, Mary, Jane, Edgar, James, Agness, and George. John A. lived to be 90 years old and died on July 22, 1901. Mary died September 6, 1878.

David, my grandfather, helped his father on the farm until the age of 19 years. By that time he had 11 brothers and sisters so he decided to leave home and make his own way. He never returned to Canada. He worked his way west and south, finally taking work on a farm owned by Roswell Lawrence Peake, who was a justice of the peace in Ninniger, Dakota County, Minnesota, south of Minneapolis. Mr. Peake's second child was Alice Roberta, who was born October 15, 1860, in Hamden, Delaware County, New York, before her family moved to Minnesota. David and Alice Roberta were married in October 1875. The ceremony was performed by her father on the farm near Ninninger. To this union were born ten girls and five boys: Jennie (died), John, Agness, Jennie Ellen, Frank, Ada. Roswell (my father), Fred, Eva, Cora, David, Edna, Bessie, Gertrude, and Freda.

About the year 1888, Grandfather purchased 40 acres near Foley, Minnesota. There were no buildings on it, so with the help of neighbors in the late fall they cut many logs and built a very large two-story house and a barn large enough for six horses, two cows, pigs and chickens. The days were clear and cold so the ladies had a large cookstove placed near where the men were working and had food and hot coffee for them while they worked. The family lived on the farm about eight years, then decided to move west.

They moved their horses and equipment by train to Williston, North Dakota, where Grandfather and his crew of men rebuilt about two miles of roadbed for the Great Northern Railroad, using horses and slip-scrapers. They put up their tents near the bank of the Missouri River. Grandmother and the older girls cooked for the crew. Finishing their work there, they moved on, to the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Montana where they rebuilt about a mile of the roadbed. Their son David Willis was born there.

The next move was to Bonners Ferry, Idaho, where they arrived a few days prior to Christmas, situating their camp about four miles north of town. While there, the crew worked on a new line being built into Canada, the Kootenai Valley, Nelson and Bedlington, which later became the Great Northern. Next they went to Trinidad, Washington, near Wenatchee, to help build the G.N.-Trinidad Cutoff which changed the line from the upper hillside to a lower plane. Here, baby David had the whooping cough and died. The coroner came from Wenatchee and they buried David on a hillside above the camp. Later Judge Black from the Monroe Superior Court gave permission to move the casket to the Monroe Cemetery. When the work was finished there, they boarded a train and went to Monroe where they settled in 1900.

Grandfather bought a donkey engine and with his sons and nephew, logged the property where the Washington State Reformatory now stands. Later he took logging contracts, one near Thorp and another on Whidbey Island in Puget Sound. He then

The family of David and Alice Roberta (Peake) Countryman, about 1910. Front row left to right: Roswell, Jennie Ellen, David, Gertrude, Alice Roberta, Freda, and Albert. Back row left to right: Cora, Eva, Frank, Bessie, Fred, Ada, Edna, and Agnes.

returned to Monroe and with the help of his two oldest sons built a home for his family. He died peacefully in his sleep on March 28, 1915. Grandmother died October 17, 1916. Eleven of their children lived past 80 years and one past 90 years. Seven were married 50 years or more, four over 60 years. There were 50 grandchildren.

by Irma (Countryman) Lydin

COUNTRYMAN, DAVID & BERTHA (HILLIARD)

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David Countryman at work on his farm.

David Countryman and Bertha Hilliard on their 50th wedding anniversary in 1958.

The Canadian Countrymans — David, of William, of John, of John, of Jacob, of Conrad, of Johan Frederick.

David William, son of William and Mary Jane (Warner) Countryman, was born on December 8, 1877, in Osnabruck Township, Stortmont County, Ontario. He married Bertha Keziah Hilliard on September 16, 1908. To-gether, they lived first at Gallingertown, Ontario, until 1918 when they moved to Finch, Ontario. Bertha was not content on this farm, as her family was 40 miles away. In 1920 the family moved to Dixon Corner's, Ontario, to be near Bertha's father, brother, and two sisters, who were living in this vicinity. David and Bertha purchased a small farm of 47 acres. He sold 40 acres of the farm in 1951 and retired from farming.

David purchased his first car in 1930. He paid $700 for a new Pontiac. At the age of 53 years, he learned how to drive it. Bertha, who never learned to drive, received several stern lectures for giving David improper directions on how to steer the car. He had a minor car accident in 1938, after which he was nervous when driving. He voluntarily quit driving at age 65 years in 1942. He then walked one mile each day to pick up his mail until the time of his death. Every Saturday night he would bring home a pint of ice cream as a special treat.

David died of kidney failure on September 19, 1959. He is buried with his wife and oldest daughter, Grace Evaleen, in Grantley Cemetery, Ontario. After her husband's death, Bertha (born November 2, 1885) lived with her daughter Blanche Montgomery at Dixon Corner's and Iroquois, Ontario. Bertha died on October 21, 1984, at a nursing home in Brockville, Ontario. She lacked two weeks from celebrating her 99th birthday.

Bertha and David Countryman had three children. Their first child, Grace Evaleen (born July 8, 1909) died at nine months of age with polio on April 28, 1910. Their second child, William Irwin (born August 12, 1912), first married Helen Nelson (1900–1964) on December 13, 1942. They did not have any children, so adopted Marie Countryman. Marie married Harvey Downton. They have four children. After Helen died, William Irwin married a widow, Bessie Rice, who already had three children. Irwin worked in an automobile plant in Brampton, Ontario. He died at 70 years of age on March 5, 1982, and is buried in Brampton, Ontario.

The third child of Bertha and David Countryman, Blanche Helen (born November 18, 1915) married Lorne Rufus Montgomery. See separate story for details on this family.

by David L. Montgomery

COUNTRYMAN, DAVID & SHELLEY (LILLIENFIELD)

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The Alice Countryman family at a Countryman reunion in 1979. Left to right: Conrad, Martha, Alice, Ruth Thompson, Shelley, David, Jack Thompson, and Duane Thompson. In front: Matt and Danny Countryman.

David and Shelley Countryman were married in 1973. They both received their M.S. Ed. in special education in 1972. David has taught trainable mentally handicapped students at Hope Wall School in Aurora since 1972. Shelley has taught reading, language arts, and literature in junior high in West Chicago and Wheaton, Illinois, and has also worked with the mentally retarded both as a teacher and as an administrator.

They have lived in the Fox Valley in Geneva and St. Charles for the past 13 years.

by Shelley Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, DAVID A. "TOBY"

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David, of John Henry, of Delbert Eugene, of John Henry, of Jacob, of John Adam, Sr., of Conradt II, of Georg Conradt I, of Johann Friedrich.

David Alfred "Toby" Countryman was born 2 October 1935 in Adel, Iowa. Uncle Walter Webb gave David his nickname when he was a few hours old. Uncle Walter looked into the crib and said, "He looks like a Toby, short and fat." From that time on, David became Toby. Toby went to work at a very young age. He followed his brother LeRoy to the golf course and was soon busy being a caddy and earning his first few dollars. At age 14, he again followed brother LeRoy to Weiser's Dairy. Mr. Weiser said, "If you're going to hang around here, you have to work," so Toby washed bottles and ran the dairy products to the houses while Mr. Weiser drove the truck. He learned to make ice cream and butter. Toby worked for Mr. Weiser for several years. He also delivered the Des Moines paper for a year or two.

Toby quit school while in the tenth grade

David A. "Toby" Countryman and Hazel M. Denniston-Countryman. Taken in 1985.

Back row, left to right: Patricia, David A., Marlene F., and Dennis Countryman. Middle: Phyllis. Front row, left to right: David W., Darrin, and Peggy Countryman. Taken in 1971.

and took a job as a freight elevator operator at Younkers Department Store in downtown Des Moines. He worked there for about three years. He then went to work for Beatrice Foods as head butter maker. He stayed with Beatrice Foods for ten years. The last year he worked for Beatrice, he enrolled in an electronics course. He finished his schooling and applied at Collins Radio (now Rockwell-Collins International) in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He went to work as an electronics technician in December of 1965, worked as a test technician for eight years, and then went into the position of test supervisor, which he has held for the past 12 years.

Toby married Marlene F. Burr in April of 1954. They had six children, Patricia, Dennis, Peggy, David, Phyllis, and Darrin.

Patricia Marlene, born 15 February 1955, married Michael D. Griffin 26 February 1977. They have two children, Christopher Patrick, born 5 June 1979, and Erin Melinda, born 9 May 1981.

Dennis Lester, born 1 February 1957, married Marilyn K. Dirks 29 May 1976. They have three children: Adam Taylor, born 11 September 1977; Heather Nicole, born 29 December 1983; and Ashley Marie, born 21 June 1985.

Peggy Ann, born 9 December 1959, married Michael Noll. They had two children, Joseph Michael, born 12 July 1979, and James David, born 1 March 1981. Peggy's second marriage was to Henry Nieto on 5 January 1985 and they are expecting a new arrival in late August or early September 1986.

David Wayne, born 16 July 1962, is single.

Phyllis Irene, born 25 August 1965, married Richard Camp. They have two children, Matthew John, born 14 August 1982, and Dallas LeRoy, born 13 October 1985.

Darrin Taylor, born 5 October 1967, is a student.

Toby's second marriage was 21 July 1984 to Hazel M. Denniston. They have no children.

by David A. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, DAVID A., CHAUNCEY & WILLIAM L.

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David, Chauncey, and William, of Jacob, of John Adam, of Conradt II, of Conradt I, of John Frederick.

David A. Countryman was born in Herkimer County, New York, in 1835. Records of the 1850 census of Ogle County, Illinois, show David A. as 15 years old.

David Alfred Countryman (brother of John and Mary) and his wife, Sopia.

I have a copy of the adoption of Rosetia A. Potter by David A. and wife Sopia, dated June 22, 1872, in Wright County, Iowa.

David and Sopia are both buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Clarion, Iowa. Rosetia died at age nine, and is also in Evergreen Cemetery.

I will include the last two brothers of Alex, Mary C., John Henry, and David A. as there is not much known of them.

Chauncey (Chancy) Countryman, born in 1838 in New York, was a soldier. He died and is buried in Roseland Cemetery on Crill Road in Ogle County, Illinois. (The Crill family came to Illinois along with the Countryman and Miller families.)

William L. Countryman was born in 1840 in New York state. No other records have been found so far on this man.

by Donald P. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, DAVID ALFRED & MATTIE

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David Alfred, of John Henry, of Jacob, of John Adam, of Conradt II, of Conradt I, of John Frederick.

David Alfred, second son of John Henry and Mary, was born in Clarion, Wright County, Iowa, in 1876 and was named for his father's brother, David A.

David Alfred married Mattie –?– and they lived in Earlham, Iowa. Their only son was Wilford A., named for David's younger brother.

Mattie and David Alfred Countryman (son of John Henry).

As I remember this old couple, they never had a car. Uncle Lawrence or Dad would drive them places. Uncle Al was hitting some large chunks of coal to break them into smaller, useable chunks when a small piece flew up, striking him in one eye and putting the eye out. He was blind in his one eye by the time I was born.

David A. and Mattie are both buried in Earlham Cemetery along with their only child, "Willie".

by Donald P. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, DAVID ALLAN

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David Allan, of Winston, of George C., of Abram, of Henry.

David Allan Countryman was born February 14, 1946, in Boise, Idaho. He was educated in the Boise schools. He was an honor student. He graduated from Boise State University with a degree in history and social services.

He is employed by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, where he has worked with both children and families. Combining this work with a love for skiing, he has operated a group for displaced teen-agers, teaching them skiing and a love for the outdoors.

by Mrs. Winston U. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, DAVID W. & ROBERTA (WOODBURY)

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The David Countryman family. Back row: William and Michelle; front row: David and Roberta.

David, of Robert, of William Jay, of Noah, of Peter, Jr., of Peter, of George, of Andrew or Henry, of John Frederick Contreman.

David Wayne Countryman was born at the St. Joseph Hospital in Ottumwa, Iowa, on May 21, 1943. David lived with his parents, Robert and Vivian Countryman, on a farm in Davis County, five miles south and one mile west of Pulaski, Iowa. While growing up on the farm, David enjoyed farm work, hunting, and fishing.

He attended Center School (a one-room schoolhouse) until the seventh grade. During junior high school, he attended Pulaski and he went to Davis County Community High School where he graduated in 1962. During high school, he was active in the Future Farmers of America, holding the offices of treasurer and vice-president, and participating in activities at the state and national conventions.

After high school, David enrolled at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, where he received bachelor's (1966) and master's (1968) degrees in forest management. During college, David was on the Air Force R.O.T.C. rifle team, active in Iowa State Forestry Club activities, and became a member of the Society of American Foresters, Xi Sigma Pi (a forestry honorary fraternity), and Gamma Sigma Delta (an agricultural honorary fraternity).

David was raised to a Master Mason in Eleusis Lodge #358 at Pulaski, Iowa, on January 2, 1965, by his father, who was then past master of the lodge. Even though David's profession required several moves, he maintained his membership in the Eleusis Lodge. In 1974 Eleusis Lodge #358 consolidated with Franklin Lodge #14 at Bloomfield, Iowa. David's membership remains there at this writing. The 32nd degree in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry was conferred on David, his brother Philip, and his father Robert in the Davenport Consistory in November of 1983.

David married Roberta R. Woodbury, daughter of Ronald and Ruby Woodbury. Ronald and Ruby owned a farm five miles west of Fort Dodge, Iowa. Roberta was born at the Lutheran Hospital in Fort Dodge on May 10, 1943. David and Roberta were married in the First Congregational Church of Fort Dodge on November 27, 1965. Their children are William and Michelle.

In April of 1968 David and Roberta put everything they owned in a small U-Haul trailer and left Ames, Iowa, to go to David's first full-time job as a professional forester with the U.S. Forest Service in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Upon arriving in Poplar Bluff, they bought a house at 1837 Seifert Drive.

David's job was typical field forestry work, marking timber and doing timber stand improvement work. But soon he was responsible for recreation and visitor information service on the district during the summer, as well as carrying out compartment examination, writing timber sale contracts, and other timber work in the winter.

On October 8, 1968, William Bruce Countryman was born in the Lucy Lee Hospital in Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

In August of 1970, David was selected by the U.S. Forest Service for further training at the University of Michigan. While in Ann Arbor, Michigan, David was made project leader for a U.S. Forest Service study that led to his receiving a doctoral degree in forest management and planning from the University of Michigan in 1973.

Michelle Rae Countryman was born on July 18, 1971, in the St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

In 1973 the U.S. Forest Service transferred David and his family to Washington, D.C., where he was on the program and policy analysis staff in the division of programs and legislation. Here he worked on development of an integrated planning and management process for the U.S. Forest Service. While in Washington, D.C., David and family lived in Springfield, Virginia.

In 1975 David and his family moved to Ames, Iowa, to take an associate professor position with Iowa State University. Here David headed a regional research project and taught forest management. In 1980 David became a full professor. While in Ames, David and his family were members of the First United Methodist Church in Ames.

by David W. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, DAYTON & RUTH (HAZEN)

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Wedding snapshot of Lt. Dayton W. and Ruth (Hazen) Countryman, February 2, 1941, Denmark, Iowa.

Dayton, of Cleveland, of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredriech.

Dayton Countryman, son of Cleveland and Susie (Schaeffer) Countryman, was born March 31, 1918, at the hospital in Sioux City, Iowa.

Dayton graduated from the Pierson, Iowa, high school in 1935 and spent one year helping his widowed mother, Susie, and his brother, Ardell, on the family farm before enrolling at Iowa State College in the fall of 1936. When he received his B.S. degree in forestry in June of 1940, forestry jobs were scarce and paid around $100.00 per month. The Army Air Corps paid second lieutenants the magnificient sum of $245.00 per month.

Dayton Countryman in 1970. This photo was taken when he was serving as president of the Iowa State University Alumni Association.

Dayton enlisted as a cadet in the Army Air Corps. In February of 1941, ten months before Pearl Harbor, he received his wings and his commission. At that time he married Ruth Hazen, daughter of Hervey and Ethel Hazen of Denmark, Iowa.

As a B-29 pilot, Dayton flew 16 combat missions over Japan. On the 17th mission, dropping food at prisoner of war camps, he viewed from a distance the total devastation of Hiroshima. Later, during the Air Corps "Show of Force" while circling the battleship *Missouri* in Tokyo Harbor, he observed the signing of the surrender of Japan.

When World War II ended, the G.I. Bill enabled Dayton to attend the University of Iowa Law School where he graduated in 1948. Since that time he has lived and practiced law in Nevada, Iowa.

Ruth and Dayton have four children, Karen, Joan, James, and Kay.

Karen Sue Countryman was born November 4, 1942, at Vincennes, Indiana, Hospital. She graduated from Nevada, Iowa, High School in 1961, from the University of Iowa in June 1964. She spent two years, 1964 to 1966, as a Peace Corps volunteer in Morocco. She received MUP degree in city planning from New York University, and is presently a city planner for the town of Silverthorne, Colorado. In April of 1985, Karen traveled to Guatemala to bring back and adopt James Mario, born May 8, 1984.

Joan Ellen Countryman was born August 25, 1944, at the George Field Air Force Base Hospital, Lawrenceville, Illinois. She graduated from Nevada, Iowa, High School in 1962; from the University of Iowa in 1966; M.A. in English literature from Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York, in 1970; J.D. degree from Georgetown University in 1980. Joan is divorced, has one son, David Andrew, born January 20, 1977, in Washington, D.C. She is presently a lawyer and computer consultant in Washington, D.C.

James David Countryman was born January 26, 1949, at Mary Greeley Hospital, Ames, Iowa. He graduated from Nevada High School in 1967, attended the University of Iowa, was drafted into the Marines in 1969, was honorably discharged as a second lieutenant in 1972, and graduated from the Palmer School of Chiropractic in the spring of 1985. He married Gwendolyn Coppersmith of What Cheer, Iowa, on June 17, 1973. Jim and Gwen have two daughters: Katie Carlisle, born January 20, 1980; and Molly Morgan, born December 14, 1982. Jim is presently a doctor of chiropractic in Iowa City, Iowa.

Kay Jean Countryman was born November 8, 1955, at the Story County Hospital, Nevada, Iowa. She graduated from Nevada High School in 1973 and from Iowa State University in 1977 in business. She served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Kenya, Africa, 1978 to 1980, and is presently employed at Denver General Hospital, Denver, Colorado.

As listed in *Who's Who in America* — 1985

Countryman, Dayton Wendell, lawyer; born Sioux City, Ia, March 31, 1918; son of Cleve and Susie (Schaeffer) Countryman; B.S. Iowa State College, 1940; L.L.B. State University of Iowa, 1948, J.D., 1969; married Ruth Hazen of Denmark, Feb. 2, 1941. Admitted to Iowa Bar, 1948, since practiced in Nevada, IA.; partner, Hadley & Countryman, Nevada, IA., from 1949–64; County Attorney, Story Co., IA., 1950–54; Attorney General of Iowa, 1955–56. Candidate for U.S. Senate, 1956, 1960, 1968. Air Force Reserve Pilot, USAAF, 1941–46; Member of VFW, Am. Judicature Society, Am. Legion, Iowa State University Alumni Assn. (President 1970–71), American, Iowa, and Story County Bar Associations, Iowa 2B Judicial District Assn., Methodist Church, Clubs: Masons, Lions (President 1975–76), is presently Senior Partner of Countryman & Zaffarano, Lawyers, P.C., 1001–5th St., Nevada, Iowa, 5020.

by D. W. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, DELBERT & LYDIA (PITTS)

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Seated: Lydia and Delbert Eugene Countryman. Standing left to right: Christine, Edna, John Henry, Roy Alfred, Joseph Donald, and Lawrence.

Delbert, of John Henry, of Jacob, of John Adam, of Conradt II, of Conradt I, of John Frederick.

Delbert Eugene was the fourth son of John Henry and Mary L. He was born September 10, 1878, in Wright County, Iowa.

He lived in Minnesota, when a young man moved near Dayton, Iowa, before coming to Wiscotta, Iowa, where he met and married Lydia Louise Pitts on December 10, 1899, in Wiscatta, Dallas County, Iowa.

He was a big, strong person in his day, and a hard worker as a ditch digger. The family went to Ringgold County, Iowa, by horse and wagon in the early part of 1909 for the health of a son, Joe. Coming back to Dallas County they lived on Panther Creek at the coal mine which is just south of Highway #6 between Adel and Redfield. He worked at this coal mine and the family lived in a tent. This is where the family lived when their son Roy Alfred, my father, was born on May 12, 1910.

Delbert and Lydia bought a small farm on the south side of the south Raccoon River, not far from where the Panther Creek dumps into the Raccoon River. The Countrymans were all well liked and most all of them grew up in this part of Dallas County.

I can remember this farm — the ole barn and Grandpa's two white horses that he farmed with, the small corn field down on the river, the throw-lines that my uncles would use to catch catfish for supper, and the squirrel hunting along Bear Creek when Uncle Lawrence would take me with his dog "Butch."

I remember Granddad's swing out south of the house where we'd sit most all the time. They had a well for water that you had to pump, and lamps in the house for light. Nothing fancy . . . no electricity . . . but a battery operated radio to listen to the baseball games.

I love this ole place on the Coon River. Even today the family does not own it, but I still go out there and walk way back into the woods to where Uncle Lawrence's family lived in an old tarpaper-covered shack (on the Stanley property).

Granddad Del traded his farm for a house in Earlham, Iowa, in the late 1940s and so they moved to town.

This family is as follows: (1) Joseph Donald, born January 21, 1901, buried in Earlham Cemetery; (2) Edna Blanch, born December 18, 1902, buried Earlham Cemetery; (3) Permilla Violet (Mary) Christine, born January 31, 1904, died October 24, 1979, buried in Earlham Cemetery; (4) Lawrence Albert, born November 10, 1906, buried Earlham Cemetery; (5) John Henry, born August 16, 1908, buried Earlham Cemetery; (6) Roy Alfred, born May 12, 1910, buried Earlham Cemetery; (7) Walter E., born March 10, 1912, died March 30, 1912; (8) Delbert G., born March 17, 1916, died May 5, 1917.

Delbert E. and Lydia both are buried in Wiscotta Cemetery near Redfield, Iowa.

by Donald P. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, DELBERT & MILLIE (HENDRICKS)

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Millie and Delbert Countryman.

Delbert, of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredriech.

Delbert J., son of Andrew J. and Sabrina (Adair) Countryman, was born March 11, 1888, at their farm home two and one-half miles east of Moville, Iowa. He had three sisters and four brothers. One sister died before she was three years old.

He attended country school in his early years. When he grew to adulthood he and his brother Leonard took over the farming duties and lived with their parents.

Delbert's name at birth was Jackson Delbert, but as he grew older he preferred using his middle name, so from that time on he has gone by Delbert Jackson. His brother Leonard also went by his middle name, using Leonard Arthur instead of Arthur Leonard.

Delbert enlisted in the army on July 28, 1918, and was sent overseas to France. He arrived on October 27, 1918, shortly before the armistice was signed, ending World War I. He spent seven months in France in the clean-up operations, returning to the United States May 28, 1919. Delbert was discharged from the service June 8, 1919, and returned home to Moville where he resumed farming on his father's farm.

Delbert met Millie Jane Hendricks upon his return from the service. At that time she was employed by his parents. They were married in Sioux City, Iowa, on March 18, 1920. Millie is the daughter of Charley T. and Sarah Alice (Segers) Hendricks. She was born June 28, 1900, in Mount Vernon, Illinois. When Millie was three years old, her mother died and she was raised by her grandparents in the Elk Point, South Dakota, and Westfield, Iowa, areas. Millie had two brothers who both died as infants. She had three half sisters, two half brothers, and one half brother deceased.

Millie attended schools in the Elk Point and Westfield area into her high school years, and also did housekeeping work before coming to Moville in 1918.

After their marriage they continued to live with Delbert's parents until 1922 when they moved to a farm northeast of their home place. They rented this farm until 1928. It was at this time Delbert and Millie purchased the home farm from the estate, after the death of his parents. The Depression hit shortly after they bought the farm, and it was a difficult struggle to hold on to the land his father had homesteaded.

To this marriage seven children were born: Lillian Fern, born November 13, 1920, at Moville, Iowa; Lloyd Charles, born July 24, 1922, at Moville, Iowa; Lawrence Delbert, born April 3, 1924, at Moville, Iowa; Willard Andrew, born March 12, 1927, at Moville, Iowa; Donald Elwood, born July 21, 1930, at Moville, Iowa; Delores Ione, born July 30, 1934, at Moville, Iowa; and Marilyn Jean, born February 22, 1938, at Sioux City, Iowa. Lawrence was stricken with spinal meningitis and died January 10, 1925, at the age of nine months and seven days.

In the mid-1930s Delbert spent several weeks in bed with rheumatism. It was at this time he gave up chewing tobacco. When he was able to be up and get his tobacco, Millie told him if he started chewing again he would have to build her a new house. He chewed the tobacco in the cupboard, but never bought any more.

Delbert and his brothers were always playing tricks on someone, and as he grew older he still enjoyed a good joke or the chance to play a trick on someone. Another of Delbert's pastimes was playing baseball when he was young and then later listening to the games on radio and watching them on television.

Delbert's life was dedicated to farming and his family. They continued to live on the farm after retiring and moved to Moville, Iowa, in August of 1978 when he was 90 years old. At this time his health was failing and he spent the last four years of his life at the nursing home in Correctionville, Iowa, where he died October 6, 1983.

Millie continued to live at their home in Moville until June 26, 1984, when she entered the Correctionville nursing home where she resides at the present time.

by Fern Kumpula

COUNTRYMAN, DENNIS & BLOSSOM (McHENRY)

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Dennis, of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad II, of Jacob, of Conrad I, of Johann Frediech.

Dennis, son of Andrew J. and Sabrina (Adair) Countryman, was born September 18, 1896, in the newly constructed farm home located two and a half miles east from downtown Moville, Iowa. This farm has now been declared a Century Farm.

Dennis grew to manhood there, courted and married Blossom McHenry, the local school teacher, on December 22, 1920. They farmed the farm which lay south across the road from the home farm. There a son, Duane, was born on February 8, 1923; a daughter, Ardis, was born March 23, 1925.

In 1928 the young couple purchased a farm two miles east of Correctionville, Iowa. They had high expectations for this farm. The land was fertile, the house sat on the summit of Bacon Hill and overlooked Bacon Creek

Wedding photo of Blossom McHenry and Dennis Countryman, December 22, 1920.

Valley below. But, tragedy struck when pneumonia, an almost unconquerable disease then, claimed the life of Dennis on April 18, 1933. Some joy came to the family when a third child was born on November 8, 1933. He was named Darrell Dennis Countryman.

It was an era now known as the "Great Depression," a time of hardship for many Americans. Blossom was a certified teacher but there were no positions for a widow with two young children and a baby. Also, she was in very poor health. The bank foreclosed. Blossom sold off the fine horses that Dennis had raised and broken. With this money she bought a farm in Meadow Township, Wadena County, Minnesota. This farm bordered the farm to which Dennis's sister Lillian, her husband George Morgan and their seven children had moved from Iowa a few years before.

Harsh winters, short growing seasons, poor soil and lack of funds proved hardships, but there were fun times for this little family. Sauna every Saturday night with fine Finnish neighbors, 4-H club activities in the Pine Cone Club, county fairs, swimming in the Crow Wing River, and in the winter, whist games at the Morgans.

In 1943 the family sold their possessions and moved to Rantool, Illinois, the home of Chanute Field. Blossom returned to Minnesota in September 1946 and married George Buchanan, a former neighbor, on September 13, 1946.

They lived in Minnesota, Missouri, Illinois, and finally retired at Modesto, California. She passed away in September of 1974.

by Ardis (Countryman) Bashaw

COUNTRYMAN, DENNIS & LYDIA (USHER)

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Dennis Countryman (1841–1926), son of Peter and Margaret Countryman.

Lydia (Usher) Countryman (1847–1932), wife of Dennis Countryman.

Dennis, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Dennis Countryman, son of Peter and Margaret Countryman, was born in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, on June 29, 1841. He was reared and educated in Rock County, Wisconsin. His parents moved to Fayette County, Iowa, in 1860. In 1861, with his family, he started overland to California. He was six months enroute, spent one year in that state and then returned to Linn County, Iowa, where he began farming for himself.

In 1866, February 15th, he was united in marriage to Lydia Usher, daughter of Hiram Usher and Lucinda Usher of Linn County. In 1875 they moved to Ida County, Iowa, being the first settlers in what is now Grant, then Maple, Township. He purchased 65 acres of raw land on the West Soldier River on which he erected a small shanty, later increasing his ownership of land to 292 acres. In 1890 he erected a two-story residence, 28 by 28 feet, and about three acres of his place was devoted to a grove and orchard. He raised good draft horses, and also had a fine carriage team which took the first premium at the Ida County Fair in 1891.

To this union seven children were born: Ida, born at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, November 26, 1866, deceased May 26, 1903, at Redfield, South Dakota; Rosa, born at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, November 26, 1868, deceased May 17, 1882, at Battle Creek, Iowa; Clarence, born at Clarinda, Iowa, August 14, 1871, deceased November 20, 1906, at Redfield, South Dakota; Sylvia, born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, September 5, 1873, deceased August 11, 1929, at Ipswich, South Dakota; Hiram D., born at Battle Creek, Iowa, May 26, 1877, deceased May 3, 1882, at Battle Creek, Iowa; Lawrence O., born at Battle Creek, Iowa, April 24, 1882, deceased September 27, 1951, at Yakima, Washington; and Pearl, born at Battle Creek, Iowa, August 31, 1885, deceased February 3, 1956, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and buried at Ipswich, South Dakota.

After residing 38 years in Iowa, Dennis Countryman and family moved to South Dakota in 1903, living at Redfield and Frederick. In 1909, they moved to California, residing at Kerman until 1911, when they again moved to South Dakota, locating at Webster. There he purchased a farm just south of town, which he farmed until 1917, when he sold out and moved to Ipswich, South Dakota, on a farm four miles south of town. Here he resided until two years prior to his death, when he retired from an active life and purchased a residence in Ipswich.

His death occurred August 14, 1926, and he was buried at Battle Creek, Iowa. As a young man, and throughout his life, he took an active interest in politics, voting with the Republican party. During his years at Battle Creek, he served on the school board and was the first assessor of Grant Township. He was a good conversationalist and his tales of early experiences were always listened to with great interest.

Lydia Countryman, wife of Dennis Countryman, was born at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, March 4, 1847, died at Ipswich, South Dakota, January 24, 1932, and was buried there.

by Dennis E. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, DENNIS D.

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Dennis D., of Dennis E.

Kimball, South Dakota, was the birthplace of Dennis D. (Denny) Countryman on September 13, 1934 — the son of Dennis E. and Lora F. Countryman.

While living in Kimball only until 1942, when the family moved to Dallas Center, Iowa, Denny managed to achieve a certain amount of "fame," even as a preschooler. On one occasion when Lora was filling in at the bank (where his Dad worked), Denny was dropped off by his baby sitter to await his parents finishing up at the bank. To better see what his Dad was doing, Denny grabbed the edge of the counter to pull himself up and, at the same time, hit the button for the bank's tear gas system. The tear gas canisters went off with a loud report, causing those nearby to approach the bank cautiously, thinking they had heard the shots of a bank robbery. No robbery, of course, but the tear gas filled not only the bank and its cash vault but the rest of the building as well, causing its evacuation. The lingering odor of the tear gas on the bank's cash caused many to remember the event for some time. Needless to say, there are still some who take great delight in remembering (and reminding Denny of) "the great tear gas escapade."

Denny and his family moved from Dallas Center to Woodward, Iowa, where he completed high school in 1952. He was active in sports, band, theater, and graduated as valedictorian of his class. He spent his first two years of college at Iowa State College in Ames, Iowa, where he was active in Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and played trumpet in the Lambda Chi Dixieland Band.

Interrupting his college with two years as Operations Sergeant in a U.S. Army missile battalion, Denny entered the University of Minnesota upon discharge. He completed his bachelor's degree in business administration in 1958. In 1961 he received a master's degree in hospital and health care administration from the same institution. Following several years in hospital administration, he returned to the University of Minnesota and completed the course work for a doctorate in hospital administration but did not pursue that degree to completion.

His career in hospital administration encompassed hospital management and consulting, health services research and graduate-level teaching. He served as an administrator in community nonprofit and public teaching hospitals and as an academic administrator. These positions included serving as vice president of a national health care consulting firm; assistant dean of the School of Public Health at the University of Minnesota; and associate director of the University of Minnesota Hospitals. He is a fellow of the American Public Health Association and a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives, the Society of Hospital Planning and Marketing of the American Hospital Association, the Missouri Hospital Association and the St. Louis Society for Health Care Planning and Marketing. He has conducted research on hospital-HMO relationships and coauthored articles for national professional journals. Currently living in St.

Louis, Missouri, he is Director of Health Care Services for the Sverdrup Corporation, one of the largest architectural and engineering firms in the nation.

The eldest of his four children, Dennis Michael (Mike), was born on February 25, 1959. Mike now lives in Bozeman, Montana, where he is completing a degree in geology at Montana State University. Mike has also discovered the location of Countryman Creek, which was apparently named after Horace Countryman, who lived in Columbus, Montana, until 1898.

Joan Susan Countryman (born July 23, 1961) was married to Carl S. Persson on September 14, 1985. Joan and Carl live in Mankato, Minnesota, where Carl is completing his degree in computer science and Joan is a counselor in an adult residential care facility (an extension of her interests developed while obtaining her degree in sociology from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota).

Nancy Kay Countyman (born August 16, 1963) was married to Randall Lindberg on August 4, 1984. Nan is putting her degree in elementary education from Gustavus Adolphus College to good use as director of a YMCA-sponsored child care center in Minneapolis. Randy's degree in physical education and athletic training serves him well in his manager's position in a Minneapolis sports and health club.

Robert Steven Countryman (born February 6, 1966) is a sophomore at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin. Bob's present interests include varsity soccer, lacrosse and the future potential for law school after his undergraduate degree.

by Dennis D. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, DENNIS E. & LORA F. (VALENTINE)

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Dennis, of Lawrence O., of Dennis, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Dennis E. Countryman, son of Lawrence O. and Pearl Countryman, was born January 28, 1908, at Frederick, South Dakota. His childhood was spent from 1909 to 1911 with his parents in Kerman, California; 1911 to 1918 at Webster, South Dakota; and 1918 to 1931 at Ipswich, South Dakota. Here he graduated from high school in 1926 and attended Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, in 1928 and 1929. In 1930 he farmed one year for himself, but because of a poor crop and the Depression, gave that up and spent the fall of 1930 picking corn at Moville, Iowa. In the spring of 1931 he helped his uncle put in his spring crop. In July of that year he returned to Ipswich to assist his father in salvaging the crops that had been damaged by a severe hail storm.

Shortly after Dennis returned home, the president of the Bank of Ipswich approached him and asked if he wanted employment. August first, he started as bookkeeper at the Bank of Kimball, Kimball, South Dakota. In the spring of 1932, a call from the Bank of Ipswich was received stating that the bank had been robbed, that M. Plin Beebe, president, had been shot and the cashier had been taken hostage. There were but two employed in the Bank of Kimball. The cashier decided to drive to Ipswich, a distance of 125 miles north, leaving Countryman alone for the day. In the afternoon, a large fellow came into the bank and when he came to the counter and reached for his billfold, a gun in a holster was visible. Countryman's first thought was another holdup, but he was very much relieved when the man's hand passed the holster and produced the billfold. As it turned out, he was a rancher from Gann Valley and it was not unusual for ranchers to carry guns. M. Plin Beebe was shot in the thigh and recovered, the cashier was left at an abandoned schoolhouse in North Dakota, and later that year the robbers were caught in Minneapolis.

In 1933, Dennis E. Countryman was united in marriage to Lora F. Valentine, daughter of Ray and Emily Valentine of Kimball, South Dakota. to this union was born one son, Dennis D. Countryman, September 13, 1934, who is now living in St. Louis, Missouri.

Dennis E. spent 11 years in the bank at Kimball and in 1942 moved to Dallas Center, Iowa, taking employment in the Brenton State Bank. In 1943 he became vice president and office manager of Brenton State Bank in Woodward, Iowa. He remained in Woodward until 1954 when he moved to Heron Lake, Minnesota, to accept employment as vice president of Heron Lake State Bank. In 1957 he returned to Iowa and was employed by Federal Housing Administration of Des Moines as mortgage credit examiner until retirement in 1975. Since his retirement, he has done home improvement and repair to keep himself busy, building several garages and room additions as well as doing small repair jobs. He enjoys woodworking and plays golf for recreation.

Lora F. Countryman was born at Monroe, Iowa, March 21, 1911.

by Dennis E. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, DONALD C. & KATHLEEN (MOLOHON)

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Donald Craig, of Donald E., of J. Delbert, of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredrick.

Donald Craig Countryman, son of Donald E., was born October 19, 1951, in Sioux City, Iowa. Donald's parents lived in Moville, Iowa, at the time of his birth. Donald is the oldest of four, with a brother Michael and two sisters, Patricia and LuAnne.

Donald moved to Correctionville, Iowa, in 1964. He was a student of Eastwood Community School where he graduated in 1969. After high school he took a job at Iowa Beef Processors in Dakota City, Nebraska, where he worked as a meat cutter and worked his way up into a supervisor's position in 1972.

In 1973 Donald married Lois Mercer and had a son, Shawn Craig, now age 11. Donald and Lois divorced in 1977. Shawn lives with his mother in Sioux City, Iowa, and is a sixth grade student at Riverside School.

Don and Kathy Countryman with their son, Caleb, in 1984.

Caleb and Jade Countryman, taken in June 1985.

After his divorce, Donald moved to Brea, California, accepting a position with Albertson's Meat Service Center as their production superintendent.

On June 16th, 1979, Donald married Kathleen Ann Molohon in Pomona, California. Kathleen, daughter of David William Molohon of Jerseyville, Illinois, deceased February 1986, and Marilyn Eileen Little of Junetta, Nebraska, now living in Omaha, Nebraska, was born in Jerseyville, Illinois, July 30, 1957. Kathleen is the youngest of six, the oldest being a brother Mark Bradley Molohon of Spring Valley, California; Gregory Eugene Molohon of Spring Valley, California; Christa (Molohon) Bradford of Buena

Taken in Moville, Iowa, August 1985. Top to bottom: Shawn, son of Don Countryman and Lois Mercer; Caleb, son of Don Countryman and Kathleen Molohon; and Charles Mercer, Lois's son from a previous marriage.

Park, California; Mary Lynn Molohon, deceased at birth; and Michelle (Molohon) Bradley, living in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Kathleen with her family moved to San Diego, California, in 1960. She was a graduate of Santana High School, Santee, California, in 1975.

After Donald and Kathleen's marriage they moved back to Sioux City where Donald once more worked for Iowa Beef. They bought a house in Lawton, Iowa. On September 10, 1981, in Sioux City, their son, Caleb Craig, was born. This was their first child.

In May of 1984 the family moved to Sounderton, Pennsylvania, where they now live. Donald is quality assurance director for Moyer Packing Company, Sounderton, Pennsylvania.

On May 10, 1985, Donald and Kathleen's second child, Jade Anne, was born in Sellersville, Pennsylvania.

The Donald Countryman family is happy here in Pennsylvania; here they hope to stay and raise their two beautiful children.

by Kathy Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, DONALD ELWOOD & WINNIE (BOLLES)

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Donald, of Jackson Delbert, of Andrew Jackson, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Frederich.

Donald Elwood, son of Jackson Delbert and Millie J. (Hendricks) Countryman, was born July 21, 1930, on the farm homesteaded by my grandfather, Andrew J. Countryman. My father had purchased the farm from his brothers and sisters after their father's death. My family consisted of four boys and three girls. The eldest was my sister Fern, then brothers Lloyd, Lawrence, Willard, then me, then sisters Delores and Marilyn. Brother Lawrence died when he was a child.

The farm work was all done with horses when I was young and one of my favorite pastimes was riding them when they weren't

Winnie (Bolles) and Donald Countryman, taken in 1986.

needed for the farm work. Colonel was the oldest, so he was usually the one I rode. One day when I was about six years old, I was riding him and showing off a little bit for our company. About that time brother Lloyd, coming home from school driving the car, came around the engine house and, not seeing us, hit the horse, knocking us both down. Everyone thought I was hurt because I was crying, but I was crying because I thought the horse was hurt . . . come to find out, we were both okay.

I helped Dad with the farm work and hired out to the neighbors in busy times. I got a truck in 1948 and hauled grain and livestock. In 1949 I rented 80 acres and we farmed it along with Dad's farm. Then in 1950 I bought 80 acres three miles south of Moville, Iowa. I married Winnie Bolles December 28, 1950. We had a double wedding at Grace Methodist Church in Sioux City, Iowa. My brother Willard and her sister Lois were married in the same ceremony. They lived with us for one year before moving to their own farm. Our children are double cousins with Willard and Lois's children.

Our first son, Donald Craig, was born October 19, 1951. Our second son, Michael Wayne, was born October 28, 1952. Our first daughter, Patricia Jean was born July 6, 1954, this being her great-grandfather A.J. Countryman's birthday. Our second daughter, LuAnne, was born October 19, 1956, which was her older brother's birthday.

The children attended Moville school until 1964 when we purchased the Johanson farm near Rock Branch, Iowa. They then graduated from Eastwood at Correctionville, Iowa. Our oldest son, Don, and his wife, Kathy, live in Souderton, Pennsylvania, with their two children, Caleb and Jade Ann (our only granddaughter). Don has a son, Shawn Craig, from a previous marriage. He lives in Sioux City, Iowa, with his mother. Mike and his wife, Ellen, and their son, Michael Andrew, live in Boerne, Texas, with Ellen's two sons, Matt and Martin, by a previous marriage. Our daughter Patti and her husband, Pat Clark, live in Sioux City, Iowa, with their son, Jesse Michael. Our daughter LuAnne and her husband, Dell Norton, live in Kerrville, Texas, with her son, Seth Andrew Dixon.

We sold our farm in 1982. We did some traveling and have lived in Moville for the past two years. Our current plans are to move to Texas.

by Don Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, DONALD F., JR., & JOAN (PAULET)

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Joan and Donald Countryman.

This photo was given to Don and Joan Countryman as a surprise gift from their children for their 20th wedding anniversary. Top: Francie, Ruth, Margie, and Mary. Bottom: John, Tim, Mark, Frank, and Rick.

Donald, of Donald, of Marcellus, of Peter Fort, of Daniel, of George, of Conrad 1st.

I was born September 13, 1921, at Pensacola, Florida. My mother was Edith Pearl Cooney of Pensacola. Most of my pre-adult life was lived in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and I was educated in the Sioux Falls public school system. I entered military service with D Battery, 147 Field Artillery, South Dakota National Guard in November 1940, and served at Fort Ord, California, Austrailia, and New Guinea. I was honorably discharged as a staff sergeant in September 1945.

I attended college, '45–'46 at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa; '46–'47 at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; '47–'49, College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, graduating with a B.A. in economics and business administration.

I married Joan Murray Paulet (born 3/17/23) of St. Paul, Minnesota, in St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Afton, Minnesota, on May 31, 1947. We have nine children: Margaret Mary (Margie), born 3/24/48; Mary Joan (Mary), born 4/27/49; Mary Frances (Francie), born 1/9/51; Mary Ruth (Ruth), born 10/2/54; Donald Francis III (Frank), born 10/11/56; John Patrick (John), born 8/29/58; Timothy Paul (Tim), born 6/28/60; Mark Joseph (Mark), born 1/24/62; and Richard Thomas (Rick), born 8/15/64. All

were born in St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota. All are living today and apparently enjoying excellent health, although Frank has been a diabetic since his 17th year. Enough for statistics.

My early childhood growing up in a prairie town at the tail end of the Roaring Twenties and then the Depression years, the drouth years, and the Roosevelt dynasty starts off with only fleeting instances in my memory — like how crazy my parents acted in their excitement over somebody named Lindy going to Paris (my father had been a naval aviator during World War I), or the time our neighbor got so exited when my brother, Tom, and I came home wearing Al Smith buttons (he was county chairman of the Republican party), and my uncle Alden with his canoe, his shiny new car, and a seemingly unlimited litany of girl friends.

I suppose we were poor (my father lost his job with the railroad in 1931 and he did not get a steady job until about 1935). However, he was always busy doing something like repairing furniture, making jigsaw puzzles, doing some landscaping, and always producing and directing plays. My mother taught me how to budget. If she had $5.00 to feed the family of four for the week, she would comb through the handbills from the grocers and plan her meals accordingly. She also taught us a love for music and literature. My father taught us honor, respect, justice, and tolerance. He also taught us the importance of imagination and creativity.

I think the most important activities to my brother and me were hunting and water. Game was plentiful in the thirties, and we did not have to go very far out of town to find pheasants, ducks, squirrels, and rabbits. Swimming, boating, and skating in the winter were magnets to us, and though Sioux Falls was not surrounded by lakes, we did have the Sioux River, and our summers always included an extended visit to our grandfather's summer home at Danbury, Wisconsin.

It was at Danbury the summer of '37 where I got struck by lightning in the form of a brown-eyed beauty named Joan Paulet. My life was never the same after that, and though there were to follow six more years of schooling and five years of camping out for Uncle Sam, we did finally get married in 1947. Since then she has been my friend, my partner in business, my companion, my lover. Yes, from Joan I learned the true meaning of life, love: love of God, love of country, love of self, love of others, and love of one person. It has taken me 65 years to learn what love is all about, but then I always was a slow learner. Now as we approach the waning years of our life we are looking for a new and final home, a home on the lake where we can just sit back and watch our grandchildren grow up and hopefully to impart on them a little of what we have spent a lifetime learning, the art of living.

by Donald F. Countryman, Jr.

COUNTRYMAN, DONALD PAUL

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The Don Countryman family. Back row left to right: Kenneth, Randy, and Monte. Middle row: Chris, Jean, and Don. Front: Keith.

Donald Paul Countryman, #008 of the Iowa Falls, Iowa, police department, 1964–1971.

Donald, of Roy, of Delbert, of John Henry, of Joseph, of John Adam, of Conradt II, of Conradt I, of John Frederick.

Donald Paul Countryman was the youngest child of Roy A. and Deva J. Countryman. He was born in the bedroom of his Grandfather John Calvin Duffield's home on August 10, 1938, in the northeast part of Des Moines, Iowa.

Donald grew up with the love of the great out-of-doors. He looked forward to his visits to his Grandfather Del's farm and his Uncle Reuben Webb's farm in Dallas County, Iowa, some 40 miles west of his home in the city. Roy and Deva did not own a car when Donald was born so they made the trips to Adel, Iowa, by Greyhound bus, then went on to the farm by walking, just as his ancestors did many, many years ago. Sometimes they were picked up by someone in a car and rode to the farm.

Granddad "Del's" farm was on the south side of the south Raccoon River. The river was a place to get a catfish for dinner or go swimming in the hot afternoon.

Donald went to Oak Park Academy at Nevada, Iowa, and was class president for ninth, tenth, and twelfth grades. His graduating class of 1957 had 22 classmates, 11 of whom he had attended school with in Des Moines.

Donald went to Lincoln, Nebraska, with his brother, Calvin, in 1958 and they both attended Union College. Calvin completed the first year but Donald dropped out of class and took on his second job. They both worked at Lincoln State Hospital where Donald had to guard Carol Ann Fugate. She was the girl that Charles Starkweather ran with. The movie *The Badlands* dramatized their killing of 11 people in 1958.

Donald returned to Des Moines and worked many odd jobs from handling eggs to being orderly at Mercy Hospital, where he met his first wife, Karen Rae Edwards. They were married on Easter Sunday, April 17, 1960, and to this union were born five sons: (1) Monte Gene, born Ausugt 15, 1961, Des Moines, Iowa; (2) Randy Eugene, born August 16, 1963, Des Moines, Iowa; (3) Kenneth Allen, born October 20, 1964; (4) Junior, died at birth in October 1965, Iowa Falls, Iowa; (5) Keith Edward, born June 14, 1973, Des Moines, Iowa.

Donald was a city policeman for the city of Iowa Falls, Iowa, for almost eight years, November 1964 to 1971. He was a sharpshooter as was his great-grandfather, John Henry Countryman.

Donald's second wife is Harla Jean Stephens of Mt. Ayr, Iowa. They were married on December 19, 1975, at Elk Point, Union County, South Dakota. On August 18, 1977, Donald adopted Jean's daughter, Christine Lynn, then age ten. Harla Jean was born July 21, 1945, in Waterloo, Blackhawk County, Iowa. Christine was born April 24, 1964, in Ringgold County, Iowa. On March 18, 1985, Christine gave Don and Jean their first ever grandchild and named her Catherine Ann, but they call her "Katie" for short.

Don is a genealogist and loves to research the records for his family roots. He feels he is as big as Ol' George Counterman who lived in Pennsylvania. Don Countryman could have made it, if he had lived back in the 1700s as John Fredrick Counterman. Don loves the idea of living off the land as long as there are deer in the timber and fish in the streams.

Donald's oldest son, Monte, lives in Shoreview, Minnesota, and works for the Digital Company. Son Randy lives at home with his dad and stepmother, Jean, in Des Moines. He works for Per Mar Company as a guard in a Great Plains bag company. Son Kenneth is a junior at St. Cloud State College in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Son Keith is living with his mother in the St. Cloud, Minnesota, area and is going to be 13 years old in June 1986. Daughter Christine and her friend are planning a wedding on May 17, 1986, so this is going to be a busy year at the Countryman household.

Some of the things Don Countryman has done in his lifetime: As a cop, working in Iowa

Falls, he made many an exciting arrest. There are many, many stories, but the one he enjoys telling is when he rode horseback from Iowa Falls into Camp Sunnyside, a camp for handicapped Iowans. He covered some 90 miles in two days, and used four different horses. He knows now how the early settlers felt after their long journey into the new world.

by Donald P. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, DONALD ROSCOE & MARY (COLLINS) F140

Roscoe and Mary (Collins) Countryman on their wedding day, December 13, 1908.

The Wyoming Countrymans — Donald Roscoe, of Charles Raynor.

Donald Roscoe Countryman, second son of Charles Raynor and Anna Ethelyn (Bartell) Countryman, was born December 7, 1883, at Sherman Hill, Wyoming. He married Mary Etta Collins December 13, 1908. They had two girls and two boys: Mary Audell, June 25, 1909; Donna Irene, September 8, 1910; Elmer Collins, August 28, 1912; and Roscoe Roland, January 14, 1916. Donald Roscoe died October 16, 1941.

Roscoe was only three years old when his parents moved from Sherman Hill (where they had a stage station, post office, and curio shop) to Split Rock, Wyoming, where they had the post office and ranch.

Roscoe attended a country school. Pupils consisted of the McIntoshes and Countrymans, taught by a Mr. Freeland. None of the Countryman brothers went further than the eighth grade. Not so with Edna and Helen, who graduated from high school.

As a young man he rode the range, caring for the cattle (being a skilled rider and bronc buster), helping on the mail contract and at

The three oldest children of Roscoe and Mary (Collins) Countryman, Mary Audell, Donna Irene, and Elmer, about 1915, Rawlins, Wyoming.

the sawmill on Green Mountain.

Roscoe filed on a homestead adjacent to the Cross L later owned by Lon Claytor. Here he established a stage headquarters in 1912, having the line between Rawlins and Split Rock for many years, and experienced the hardships of the terrible winters of that period. He really knew his West — how to battle the elements and all that goes with ranching and range operation.

Roscoe built a home on his homestead. In 1908 he married Mary Etta Collins, and they proved up on the homestead, selling it to Lon Claytor in 1922 and moving to Rawlins. About 1924 Roscoe and Mary were divorced. Mary finished raising the children, keeping the little brood together.

Roscoe worked on various ranches around Rawlins and Lander, going home through the years to see his parents in Lander.

He died with cancer in 1941 and is buried in Lander, Wyoming.

Mary's Own Story (as she wrote it)

Mary Etta Collins "Nipper" was born in Semore, Texas on August 13th, 1890, one of nine children born to Albert and Josie Caton Collins. The family came West in 1900 for father's health. I landed in Casper, Wyoming on Thanksgiving Day. Father had come out ahead and leased the ranch of Ed and Emma Claytor on Rattlesnake Mountains, for 3 years. In the fall of 1903, we moved to Crooks Gap and operated the State Station and ran the road ranch and post office till 1907. I worked at different ranches for my board and I went to school in the winter and in the summer I cooked on different ranches and I received $1.00 per day, which clothed me and helped at home. In 1907 the folks bought a small ranch in the Ferris Mountains, and that year I farmed, plowed with teams, helped mother raise a big garden, milked cows and did a man's work. In 1908 I married Roscoe Countryman on December 13th, the son of a prominent old family who homesteaded at Split-Rock in the Sweet-Water in 1886. Roscoe and I homesteaded and four children weere born to us. In 1912 we contracted the rural mail route from Split-Rock to Rongis and Split-Rock to Alcova. Later they were discontinued and we had the route to Rawlins 3 days a week, in one day and out the next with horses and buckboard. We also ran a freight team. I did the ranch work and Roscoe drove stage, during the first war we bought a Ford 1 Ton truck to use through the summer. In 1917 I carried mail and Roscoe farmed. We accumulated a small herd of cattle. This was when roads were dirt, ruts and mud. We had a teacher and she took care of my children. Baby was only a year old. We got by someway, but that was a hard life and the contract ran out in 1922. We sold out to Uncle Lon Claytor, who had bought out C.R. Countryman. We moved to Rawlins to put the children in better schools. Mr. Countryman worked on ranches and I lived in town in the winter, and took my children to the ranch in the summer when I cooked. The children were all married by 1937.

by Dorothy Kimball

COUNTRYMAN, DONALD WINSTON & ELAINE (CAPAUL) F141

Seated: Winston Urwin and Ruth (Steele) Countryman on their Golden Anniversary. Standing: Donald Winston Countryman, James Richard Countryman, and David Allan Countryman.

Donald Winston, of Winston, of George C., of Abram, of Henry.

Donald Winston Countryman was born August 22, 1931, in Everett, Washington. He moved with his parents to Baker, Oregon, and then to Boise, Idaho, where he has made his home. He was educated in the Boise public schools, Boise State University, and Idaho State University. He has been an active member of the Bogus Basin Ski Patrol for many years. He served in the army and was stationed in Germany. He has been employed by the Bureau of Land Management and the General Service Administration.

In 1959 he married Elaine Capaul of Mountain Home, Idaho. Her parents were Tom and Marie Capaul. Elaine is a registered nurse employed in a doctor's office. They have two children, Michael David and Teresa Marie.

Michael David Countryman was born November 15, 1961. He received his education in a parochial school and went to college in Pendleton, Oregon, and LaGrande, Oregon. He graduated with a degree in animal science and is employed in an agricultural related business in Pendleton.

Teresa Marie Countryman was born January 9, 1963. She was educated in a parochial school in Boise. She received her B.A. degree from Idaho State University and is at present working on her master's at Utah State University at Logan, Utah. She expects to teach history at the college level.

by Mrs. Winston U. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, DWIGHT & ANNA (HARKER)

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Dwight, of William.

Dwight Emerson Countryman was born December 21, 1909, the son of William and Sylvia (Goembel) Countryman. He married Anna Isabel Harker (born October 22, 1912) on February 21, 1936. They farmed near Hooppole, Illinois. She died in June of 1956. He farmed until 1975 and died in March of 1977. They had three children.

(1) Judith Anita Countryman was born May 2, 1937. She graduated from Lutheran Hospital School for Nurses in 1958. On December 31, 1961, she married John Farral, Jr. They farm near Prophetstown, Illinois. Until the adoption of their first son, Judy worked at Hammond-Henry Hospital in Geneseo, Illinois. They have three adopted children. Christopher John Farral, born April 30, 1967, is a student at Augustana in Rock Island, Illinois. Paul Alan Farral, born May 5, 1969, is a student at Prophetstown High School. Teresa Ann Farral, born August 26, 1972, is a student at Lyndon Junior High School.

(2) Dennis Dwight Countryman was born March 24, 1944. Following graduation from Northern Illinois University he served 19 months with the army in Vietnam. He then married Elizabeth Ann Robinson (born October 15, 1944) on July 24, 1971. He taught junior high school in Albany, Illinois, for two years, and then began teaching at Morrison, Illinois, where he now teaches sixth grade science. Elizabeth works as a nurse in a Clinton, Iowa, clinic. They live in Fulton, Illinois. They have two children: Michael Andrew Countryman, born August 8, 1973; and Jennifer Ann Countryman, born November 29, 1976.

(3) Robert James Countryman was born May 18, 1949. Following graduation from Northern Illinois University he began teaching in the Morrison school district. He now teaches math and science at the Morrison, Illinois, junior high school. He married Nancy Ann Harvey (born September 22, 1949) on July 8, 1978. They built their home in Fulton, Illinois, where Nancy teaches fourth grade at Fulton Elementary School.

by Velma Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, EDWARD SEARS

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Edward Sears Countryman and his wife, Clara.

Edward, of John Henry, of Joseph, of John Adam, of Conradt II, of Conradt I, of John Frederick.

photo submitted by Donald P. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, EDWARD & LOTTIE VIOLA (GOEMBEL)

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The Edwin Countryman family at Hampshire, Kane County, Illinois, in 1920. Photo probably taken following Sunday morning services. Edwin pastored the United Evangelical Church there from 1917–1922.

Edwin Countryman (on the right) and brother George with their "tools of the trade," about 1898, in Henry County, Illinois. Trade photos were popular subjects at that time, at least with "C.M. Garman, Artist." Carpentry was a trade passed down from at least Conrad II, and probably many generations before him. George was working to earn money for his college education. The shoes were probably made by their father, Abraham (Abram).

Edwin, of Abram, of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

On 21 March 1869, two years after their arrival in Yorktown Township, Henry County, Illinois, the Abram and Magdalena (Muller) Countryman family welcomed Edwin Charles (a middle name he claimed

Lottie (Goembel) and Edwin Countryman, son of Abram and Magdalena (Miller) Countryman. Photo taken at Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois, on their wedding day, 15 December 1897. The ceremony was at the Hooppole Calvary United Evangelical parsonage.

Grandchildren of Edwin and Lottie Countryman. Photo taken in 1942 at their farm near Rockford, Illinois. Dean and Lorraine Barth; Duane and Kenneth Countryman behind Ronald and Charlene Countryman (children of Lowell) with dog Pete.

The Edwin Countryman family in their back yard at Cedarville, Stephenson County, Illinois, in 1914. Lottie and Edwin, Lowell and Ruth, with Paul and Grace standing in front. Edwin pastored the United Evangelical Church there 1912–1917.

Ruth (Countryman) Mock (age 81), Lowell Countryman (age 77), Grace (Countryman) Barth (age 74), and Paul Countryman (age 67), children of Edwin and Lottie (Goembel) Countryman. Photo taken at the annual Countryman-Goembel Reunion 13 July 1980 at White Pines State Park, Ogle County, Illinois. The 50th wedding anniversary of Grace and Milton Barth was celebrated by nearly 100 relatives. Ruth had traveled from California.

but never used). Their rough-board cabin was on a farm north of Hooppole Grove. The children attended the one-room Holzinger District School #8, located a half-mile east of the farm. The teacher customarily boarded with local families, and in 1880, 20-year-old

Grace (Countryman), Lorraine and Milton Barth; Edwin Countryman; Alma Countryman, wife of Lowell, with their son Kenneth. Seated are Duane, son of Alma and Lowell; Paul Countryman; and Lyle Henry, a hired man. Photo taken 29 April 1934 at the farm of Edwin and Lottie (Goembel) Countryman, near Rockford, Illinois, the day after Grace's 28th birthday.

The Edwin and Lottie Countryman family gathered at Edwin's farm near Rockford, Illinois, when daughter Ruth brought her family from California for a visit in 1936. Back row: Edwin Countryman; Grace (Countryman) Barth; Dean Barth held by Alma Countryman, wife of Lowell; Mildred Countryman, wife of Paul; Ruth (Countryman) Mock; Milton Barth; Paul Countryman; Lottie (Goembel) Countryman; Ellen Mock. Front row: Kenneth and Duane Countryman (Lowell); Marilyn, Kathryn, and Phyllis Mock; Pete, the dog; Lorraine Barth.

The grandchildren of Edwin and Lottie Countryman in 1936. Photo taken at a Goembel gathering at the Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois, Country Club. Kenneth and Duane Countryman; Ellen Mock holding Dean Barth; Lorraine Barth; Marilyn, Kathryn, and Phyllis Mock.

Sadie Miller was sharing the life of this family in their new two-story home. Interestingly, she was a cousin of these pupils, their mothers being sisters.

At about age 20 Edwin was converted under the guidance of his pastor at the Hooppole Evangelical Church, Rev. John H. Johnson. A year later Edwin was graduated from Dixon Business College, but found he preferred working with his hands. True to family tradition he became a master carpenter and joiner. He constructed homes and other buildings, and in the winters would build dining room and kitchen cabinets, and round wooden water tanks for stock. He served the community as town clerk and school trustee, as well as being active in church.

On 15 December 1897 Edwin became the groom of Lottie Viola Goembel. The ceremony was performed at the parsonage of their pastor, Rev. J.W. Fager of the Calvary United Evangelical Church in Hoppole. Lottie was born 2 April 1877 at the farm home of her parents, Samuel and Rebecca (Zinser) Goembel, at the northwest edge of Hoppole Grove. Her formal education ended at sixth grade; however, she became self-educated through her love of reading. In her Bible she wrote "Converted January 1891. Rev. S.F. Entorf, presiding elder. Rev. C.S. Fehr, pastor."

Edwin had built a house on east Main Street in Hooppole for his bride. Here were born Ruth Viola and Lowell Edwin. On 5 August 1900 an infant "blue baby" boy was born, but lived only nine and a half hours. A service was conducted by Rev. Levi B. Tobias, first cousin of Lottie's grandmother Catharina (Tobias) Zinser. Burial was with grandfather Abram Countryman.

In 1903 Edwin heeded God's call into the ministry and Lottie packed up the two children for the move to Le Mars, Iowa. At Western Union College, now Westmar College, the family resided two years in the dorm where Lottie was manager and cook. Then they moved to a cottage where Grace Marzella was born. Six weeks later in June 1906 Edwin was graduated, the family boarded a train for Illinois, and Edwin began his first appointment at Loraine Township, Henry County. (He had been licensed to preach in 1904, and ordained a deacon in 1908.) This appointment included also Ebenezer Church seven miles north of Geneseo in Phenix Township. The salary that first year was $350, almost half of which went for a horse and buggy. The family raised chickens, had a garden, and sometimes received material contributions from the parishioners. Edwin enjoyed running the thresher for the farmers. In return he would receive grain, hay, and a good thresher's meal.

In 1910 the family was moved to the Westervelt/Ridge appointment in Shelby County, probably because Edwin was needed to help build a new parsonage. Until the house was finished in Westervelt the family lived in a 'poverty' house in Ridge. In 1912 Lottie wrote an article for *The Evangelical* periodical, entitled "The Value of the Family Altar," which included an interesting reflection: "One morning when our boy Lowell was about five years old he wanted to know why he couldn't pray, too. So I taught him a little prayer. Then he said, 'When papa comes home I will pray, too, and he won't know I can pray.' I don't believe we have ever done anything for him that he took such delight in as he did when he had his first opportunity to pray at the morning worship!"

Edwin was ordained an elder in 1912 and appointed to Cedarville/Afolky in Stephenson County. A few months later Paul David was born. At Cedarville the family had a pig, a cow, chickens, their horse, and two large gardens. In 1914 they purchased their first

car, a Buick, from Lottie's brother Harry Goembel, a Buick dealer in Geneseo, Henry County.

The family served Hampshire, Kane County, from 1917 to 1922 and then were returned to Loraine and Ebenezer until their retirement in 1928. They resided for two years at the Samuel Goembels, who now lived in Geneseo, and then moved next door into a house Edwin had built. The last two years were spent in the Loraine parsonage while Edwin remodeled it for the next pastor. He had also served the conference as educational society secretary for four years, and as railroad transportation secretary for two years. As the latter, he was responsible for mapping routes and figuring the expense of moving pastors and their families, their belongings, and possible a horse and buggy, to their next appontment.

Their last home was a 120-acre farm purchased from Lottie's brother Dr. Emery Goembel, located in Burritt Township, Winnebago County, eight miles northwest of Rockford. On 24 June 1945, at the age of 68 years 2 months 23 days, Lottie died at St. Anthony's Hospital in Rockford of cardiac-renal disease which she had had for three years. Her last week she also suffered from pneumonia and "pleurisy with effusion."

Son Lowell and family moved in with Edwin after Lottie's death. Eleven years later, on 8 January 1957, Edwin suffered a cerebral hemorrhage (stroke) and was hospitalized for three weeks. He spent his last four weeks at the Syverson Rest Home, Rockford, until his death 1 March 1957, at the age of 87 years 11 months 20 days. Services were conducted at both the Rockford and Hooppole Zion Evangelical United Brethren Churches. Lottie and Edwin are buried side by side at the Hooppole Cemetery, Henry County, Illinois.

by Lorraine Weick

COUNTRYMAN, ELI & PATIENCE

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Eli, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Eli Countryman, son of Peter, was born at Cleveland, Ohio, February 17, 1830. In 1852 he and a brother, Alex, crossed the plains to California, where they settled in Butte and Yuba counties. He married Patience Payne of Wisconsin on March 23, 1853, at Dobbins, Yuba County, California.

Five children were born to this marriage: Emily Ann Countryman, April 13, 1855, at Dobbins, California; Peter Countryman, June 2, 1858, died at nine months of age; Joseph Dodge Countryman, August 12, 1861, at Bangor, Butte County, California, died February 27, 1930, Oroville, California, buried at Dobbins, California; Maud Countryman, born in 1874, died in 1879, buried in the family plot at Dobbins, California; and Charles Thomas, April 15, 1867, at Bangor, California, died June 21, 1940, at Marysville, Yuba County, California. Charles never married. He is buried at the Presidio, San Francisco, California, Grave #758, Section E West.

Eli and Patience (Payne) Countryman, taken at Marysville, California, about 1853.

Eli, Patience, and her mother, Mrs. Payne, owned and operated a hotel at Bangor, California, until his death April 30, 1880. Patience continued to operate a hotel until about 1899, when the town of Bangor burned. The widow, Patience, then homesteaded in the Challenge, California, area. She passed away in December 1901 and is buried beside her husband at Indiana Ranch, Dobbins, California.

by Maude Pierce

COUNTRYMAN, ELIAS H. & EUNICE (BAILEY)

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Elias H., of Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of Johan Frederich.

Elias H. Countryman, son of Rachel Scott and Cornelius Countryman, was born January 18, 1840–42 (records show different birth years) in Liberty Township, Sullivan County, New York. He resided in New York until about 1855, when his parents moved to Pulaski Township, Iowa County, near Avoca, Wisconsin.

Elias H. Countryman served valiantly as a Union soldier in the Civil War, enlisting 11 November 1861 at Avoca, Wisconsin, as a private in Co. K, 14th Wis. Reg. Vol. Inf. He was honorably discharged at Vicksburg, Mississippi, on 11 December 1863 and re-enlisted the same day in what was called the Veteran Corps. Quoted from *Old Soldiers of O'Brien County, Iowa* : " . . . . Elias H. Countryman . . . resides at Paullina, Iowa (1909) . . . wounded in Corinth and took part in the following battles: Shiloh, Corinth, Seige Vicksburg, Iuka, Big Shanty, Baker's Ridge, Kenesaw Mountain, Nashville, Spanish Fort, wounded at Atlanta 16 July 1864, discharged 9 October 1865, at Mobile, Alabama. Settled in Paullina, this county, April 1907. . . " Another publication, *History of Custer County, Nebraska* published in 1919, states that Elias Countryman first served at a young age as a drummer boy in the 14th Wisc. Vol. Inf. . . . participated in several important battles, in one of which he was severely wounded, and after having been captured by the enemy he had the experience of being confined in Libby and Andersonville prisons . . .

After the war Elias Countryman went home and on 11 September 1866 was married to Eunice Lydia Bailey at Avoca, Wisconsin. The local justice of the peace performed the ceremony. Eunice was a native of Pennsylvania, her mother having been a devout member of the Methodist Church. The next years record this family moving many times back and forth between Wisconsin and Iowa.

About 1867 Elias Countryman moved his family to the Frankville, Winneshiek County, Iowa, area where his sister's family resided (Phebe Jane and Luke Todd). Two children were born in Iowa, Walter A. in September 1868, and Mae Eunice (Ida) on 12 March 1872.

In 1872 the family moved back to Avoca, Wisconsin, where three more children were born, Rachel P. about 1873, Cora Edith about 1875, and Harrison Niles about 1877. This son must have died in infancy. In 1877 the family lived for a time in Howard County, Iowa. Another son, Logan LeRoy, was born during this time. Sometime during 1878 Elias moved his family to Hamilton County, Nebraska, where they resided until 1880 when they are found on the Grand Island, Hall County, Nebraska, census. About 1882, Eunice Countryman died (no death record found). She is probably buried in an area cemetery, as the Countryman family continued to live for several years near the old canning factory.

After the death of his wife, Elias Countryman continued to wander from place to place. In 1907 he was in Laurel, Nebraska, and in May 1912 he applied for pension benefits from Denison, Iowa. A small newspaper write-up about his death, which occurred on Friday 4 April 1913, states he became a member of the Nebraska Veterans Home at Burkett, Nebraska, on 18 December 1909. He died in the west hospital of that home at the age of 71 years and is buried in the home cemetery.

Mrs. J.F. Shoemaker (Mae E.) of Oconto, Nebraska, Mrs. H.A. Brogden (Rachel P.), Mrs. G.W. Lyons (Cora), and Walter A. Countryman, all of Denver, Colorado, are listed as survivors. Logan LeRoy is not listed, so he must have died before his father.

by Mary Morgan

COUNTRYMAN, ELMER & DOLLY (FARIS)

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The Wyoming Countrymans — Elmer, of Don Roscoe, of Charles Raynor.

My parents, Elmer Collins Countryman and Lenora Deloris "Dolly" Faris were married May 11, 1935, by the Rev. John Roberts of the Shoshoni Indian Mission at Ft. Washakie (Wind River), Wyoming. My father was one of four children born to Don Roscoe Countryman and Mary Etta Collins, who were married December 13, 1908. My mother was one of eight children born to Arch Neal Faris and Lillian Deloris Guinard, who were married September 16, 1907. Arch Faris was born February 17, 1882, and died December 16, 1960, at the age of 78; his wife Lillian was born April 4, 1889, and died June 12, 1960, at the age of 71.

Elmer was born in Rawlins, Wyoming, on August 28, 1912, and died in Sheridan, Oregon, on November 30, 1976. He graduated May 5, 1931, from Saratoga High School in Saratoga, Wyoming. His wife of 41 years, known to all of us as "Dolly," was born January 7, 1916, in Lander, Wyoming, and attended school in Red Canyon, Wyoming. They had two children: my brother, Elmer Larry, known to all as Larry, was born in Rawlins, Wyoming, on June 28, 1940; and myself, Donna Fay, born "Friday" March 13, 1936, in Lander, Wyoming.

Family picture of Elmer Collins Countryman, his wife "Dolly" (Faris) Countryman, and children, Larry, age two, and Donna Fay, age six. Photo taken in 1942 in Rawlins, Wyoming.

I was a year old when we moved from Lander to Rawlins, and in the fall of 1944 my father, Elmer, went into the service, World War II. He served overseas and was discharged with medals of honor on January 14, 1946. In October of 1945 my mother brought my brother and me to Oregon to visit with my father, who was then stationed at Camp Adaire Army Base, near Monmouth, Oregon. When my father was discharged, he came to Oregon to get us and we all liked the climate so well that we decided to stay.

On August 5, 1947, my parents bought a home in Sheridan which they shared for 30 years and where my mother "Dolly" still lives. Throughout our early years in Sheridan, my mother worked in a cannery and prune dryer during the harvest seasons; also at a local variety store, the Big Dipper restaurant, and managed a neighborhood grocery store.

My father went to work in 1946 for Hurl Brothers Logging Company. That same year, he lost an eye in an accident while skinning cat in the woods. After recovering from the accident he went back to the woods for a short time and then began driving lumber truck for Hurl's. Mother enjoyed going with him on many of his long-haul trips. Eventually, he became plant superintendent for Oregon Alder-Maple (also owned by Hurl Brothers and later purchased by Boise Cascade) where he calculated the boxcars of lumber being shipped from the plant daily.

In January of 1971, while still working at the plant, my father suffered a near-fatal accident. While unloading debris into a boxcar, he fell from the top of a fork lift onto a concrete floor in the plant. He was unconscious for a week and in intensive care until the end of February. During the following month, my mother took him back and forth to the hospital for therapy which was required to repair damaged nerves in his face and to help him regain his facial muscle control. During this time, in March of 1971, Mother had a skin cancer removed from her neck. She insisted upon being an in-out patient so she could continue to care for my father. After several months of recovery, Dad went back to work at the plant as watchman and maintenance repairman.

In February of 1976 my father was diagnosed as having an inoperable tumor on his kidney and, shortly thereafter, cancer of the lungs. The next few months were spent with doctors; receiving chemotherapy treatments, and even taking laetrile which we were able to obtain from Mexico. Nine months later, thank the Lord, my father passed away in Sheridan, Oregon, at the age of 64.

Mother and Dad took a lot of pride in their garden and yard in Sheridan and many times people would drive by and stop, thinking their yard was a park . . . that is just how beautiful their yard and flowers really were.

For several years, our family belonged to the Sheridan Canter Club and we enjoyed many summer outings, fun-days and rodeos together. We owned a small acreage on the edge of town where we kept our horses. When my brother and I graduated and moved from home, our parents eventually sold their horses.

Over the years, some of Dolly and Elmer's most enjoyable times together were spent "rock hunting" in eastern Oregon and Wyoming. Many trips to Wyoming to visit relatives were most enjoyed digging for the

"gems" of the earth. They built a "rock shop" behind their garage, where they tumbled, cut and polished many of the rocks they had dug themselves. Over the years, they have made "rock" tables, lamps and numerous pieces of jewelry . . . not for sale . . . but for themselves and to give to their family and friends.

by Donna Fay (Countryman) Burdg

COUNTRYMAN, EMILY ANN

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Emily Ann Countryman, daughter of Eli and Patience (Payne) Countryman, taken at Marysville, California, about 1875.

Emily Ann (Countryman) Verbeck Black

Emily, of Eli, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Emily Ann Countryman, daughter of Eli and Patience (Payne) Countryman, was born April 13, 1855, at Dobbins, California. Emily Ann wed Lyle Arthur Verbeck; no dates are known. Two son were born of this union. I have no record of Arthur Lyle Verbeck. John H. Verbeck died December 4, 1884, at the age of ten years and was placed in the family plot at Dobbins, Yuba County, California. Arthur Lyle Verbeck's posterity will be submitted by Alice Louise Verbeck, a daughter reared in San Francisco by Lena (Black) Fromberg, Emily's daughter. She is now Mrs. Alice Navarro.

Emily Ann (Countryman) Verbeck married a second time to Ralph Mardishia Black, April 1883. He was born November 24, 1838. They were married at Yuba City, California. Two daughters and one son were born to this union: Lena Elizabeth Black, April 7, 1884, at Gridley, Butte County, California; Louella Densmure Black, May 21, 1888, Magalia, Butte County, California; and Ralph Mardishia Black, June 21, 1894, Forbestown, Butte County, California.

Ralph Mardishia Black died February 4, 1900, at Goldfield, Nevada. Emily Ann (Countryman) Black died July 17, 1940, at San Francisco, California.

Lena Elizabeth Black married Charles Botchaglupi, dates unknown. A son was born to this marriage, Charles Botchaglupi, and died in San Francisco, California, this being their residence. Her second marriage was to Harry Fromberg of San Francisco. A son was born to this union. Mr. Jene Fromberg lives in San Rafel, California.

Louella Densmure Black wed Joseph Parnell Manning, no dates. A son was born to this union, Joseph Jackson Manning, January 3, 1908, at San Francisco, California. His father was killed December 9, 1934. Joseph Jackson married Miss Natha Grace Ryan October 4, 1936. She was born April 15, 1910. Two daughters were born to this union: Mary Lou Manning, August 27, 1940, at Sacramento, California; and Nancy Jo Manning, April 23, 1943.

Mary Lou Manning married Michael Crawford September 18, 1960. Three children were born to this union. Joseph Jay Crawford was born May 25, 1962, and John Crawford was born September 10, 1963. Michael Crawford and his two sons were killed in a head-on collision caused by a person running a stoplight in Sacramento, California. A daughter, Kimberly Denise Crawford, was born March 12, 1968. Mary Lou (Manning) Crawford married William F. Oliver, born October 18, 1933; date and place of marriage are unknown. They reside in Sacramento, California.

Nancy Jo Manning married Stuart Ganson on October 9, 1965. One son was born to this marriage, Todd Stuart Ganson, born July 4, 1969. The second marriage of Nancy Jo (Manning) Ganson was to Gary Coplener; no date available. A daughter was born to this union, Joanna, May 27, 1976.

Ralph Mardishia Black, son of Emily Ann (Countryman) Black was born June 2, 1894; his posterity will be submitted by his daughter, Lillian Mac Fee.

by Maude Pierce

COUNTRYMAN, FLOYD M. & MARION (PULLIN)

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Floyd, of James A., of Daniel, of John 1, of John, of Conrad 1.

Floyd M. Countryman, born July 12, 1874, died January 30, 1966. He was married March 15, 1900, to Marion B. Pullin, born May 25, 1874, died November 26, 1948. Issue:

(1) Clare A. Countryman died April 12, 1986. His story in this book will be submitted by Mrs. Robert Current. (2) John E. will have a story submitted by Mrs. John E. Countryman. (3) Dorothy M. will have a story submitted by Mrs. Greg Saxum. (4) Daniel K, born December 15, 1907, died May 16, 1966.

(5) Frank K., born June 26, 1910, wed June 7, 1940, to Vera J. Coultas, born September 2, 1910. Issue: Susan Jo, born May 8, 1944, wed June 6, 1970, to Fredrick Estes, born October 6, 1944; and Judy Gay, born January 9, 1949, wed August 15, 1970, to Frederick Roesti, born December 16, 1946.

Wedding photo of Marion Pullin and Floyd Countryman, 1900, Lindenwood, Illinois.

(6) Helen I., born March 11, 1916, wed February 7, 1936, to Spencer L. Sanderson, born December 13, 1908. Issue: Philip W., born June 20, 1937, wed May 16, 1981, to Darleen Van Tress, born May 22, 1938; and Roger A., born October 3, 1946.

(7) Richard F., born April 4, 1918, died May 14, 1981, wed August 1, 1942, to Margaret L. Henry, born January 7, 1921. Issue: Fred E., born June 7, 1943, wed May 10, 1961, to Margaret M. Cooke, born February 16, 1944 (issue: Carla M., born April 24, 1964), divorced 1966, rewed June 19, 1968, to Pauline Lowry, born September 8, 1945 (issue: Fred R., born May 5, 1970), divorced 1973, rewed March 16, 1979, to Susan R. Burgher, born February 4, 1952; Richard L., born February 23, 1945; Carol D., born July 7, 1951, wed February 10, 1971, to Ronald L. Whaley, born November 3, 1951 (issue: Paul L., born November 21, 1971, and Angela M., born June 9, 1976).

by Mrs. Spencer Sanderson

COUNTRYMAN, FLOYD MOSES & MARION (PULLIN)

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Floyd, of James A., of Daniel, of John I, of John, of Conradt I.

Floyd Moses Countryman was the oldest son of Caroline Klinkhart and James Alonzo Countryman of Lynnville Township, Ogle County, Illinois. Floyd was born July 12, 1874, at the Countryman homestead and was the third generation to farm the land originally purchased by his grandfather, Daniel, who had come from New York in June 1855. Marion Pullin, born May 25, 1874, and became the bride of Floyd on March 15, 1900. She was the daughter of Elizabeth Jenks and Robert Pullin, both from southeast of Birmingham, England. They were the parents of Clare Alonzo, John Everett, Dorothy Caroline, Daniel, Frank King, Helen Louise, and Richard Floyd.

Their Countryman Livestock Farm was located just north of Highway 64 on the Lindenwood road. It had a lovely white farm house with a semicircular drive, tall pine trees

Floyd Moses Countryman (1874–1966) on his 90th birthday.

that all had been topped off for Christmas trees in years gone by, and chestnut trees that dropped buckeyes for the children to play with. Also, there was the familiar collie that greeted everyone and the white glider swing in the front yard. Floyd continued the operation of the Countryman Livestock Farm with the Poland China hogs and shorthorn cattle that had been introduced by his father, James.

Floyd was a quiet, concerned, involved and loving man. But, with an economy of words he would let you know what he thought of the things about which he was concerned. At family gatherings, a family game of dominoes followed all the meals.

During the weekend of July 12, 1964, the members of Floyd's family all gathered for what was to be the last gathering of the family, for his 90th birthday. A picnic supper was held at the Countryman farm on Saturday evening, hosted by Frank and Vera Countryman for everyone to renew old acquaintances. On Sunday afternoon, an open house was held at the home of Dorothy and Vernon Smith, Rochelle. Friends and relatives joined together to pay tribute to Floyd that afternoon. A supper was held at the Rochelle Country Club and a cake with 90 candles celebrated Floyd's 90 years as a man loved by all.

Floyd Moses Countryman died January 31, 1966, in the Rochelle hospital. His funeral service was held at the Union Church, Lindenwood, and he was buried next to his wife, Marion, and with other family members at the Lindenwood Cemetery, Lindenwood, Illinois.

by Janet (Countryman) Current

COUNTRYMAN, FRANCES J. & LAURA (FRITZ)

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Frances, of John Jacob, of Jacob, of George.

Frances J. Countryman was the son of John Jacob and Hannah (Lane) Countryman; he died in October 1883. He was Somerset County, Pennsylvania, county commissioner in 1862, and was a deacon of Mt. Zion Reformed Church in Brothers Valley, Pennsylvania.

Frances J. Countryman married Laura Fritz, who died in February 1887, daughter of George Fritz. Frances J. and Laura (Fritz) Countryman had ten children: Clarissa Countryman, George G. Countryman (details given below), Jacob Countryman (details given below), Ellen Countryman, Henry Frances Countryman, Elriam Countryman, Tracy Countryman, Milton Countryman, Herman Countryman, and William Countryman.

George G. Countryman, son of Frances J. and Laura (Fritz) Countryman, was born in 1854, died April 28, 1890, married in 1874 Belinda Hay. George G. and Belinda (Hay) Countryman had four children: (1) William Countryman married October 21, 1901, Estella Pile and had one child — James Countryman. (2) Harvey Countryman married December 27, 1905, Edith Dysart of Nachusa, Illinois. (3) Harry A. Countryman, born April 1, 1880, married November 14, 1901, Nellie Ardene Gaynor. Harry A. Countryman was a dairy farmer in Dixon, Illinois, but returned to Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Harry A. and Nellie Ardene (Gaynor) had a daughter, Thelma Marie Countryman, born March 31, 1906. (4) Ellen Countryman married June 7, 1903, to John Seibert.

Jacob Countryman, another son of Frances J. and Laura (Fritz) Countryman, was coroner of Somerset County, Pennsylvania, in 1861 and was sheriff of Somerset County in 1863. Jacob was married (wife's name unknown) and had a son, Johnathan Henry Countryman, who died May 1926, married to Mary Ellen Walter, who died in 1915. Johnathan Henry and Mary Ellen (Walter) Countryman had three children, Norman and Laura Countryman who died in infancy, and Milton Oliver Countryman, born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, died February 10, 1952, married June 6, 1906, to Kathryn Marie O'Conner. Milton Oliver and Kathryn Marie (O'Conner) Countryman had a daughter, Kathryn Mary Countryman, born in Philadelphia. In 1957 Kathryn Mary Countryman resided in Narbeth, Pennsylvania.

by Lloyd Ambrose

COUNTRYMAN, FRANK W. & BETTY ANN (KOSTERS)

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Frank, of Ernest.

I fit in the 1925 genealogy on page 335. My father was Ernest Ambrose Countryman, married to Louise Whitney. I'm their only child, born May 20, 1920, in St. Paul, Minnesota. I lived there until I went to Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. After a year I transferred to Yale University and received a B.S. in '42. Then I attended Yale School of Medicine in the three-year wartime program, graduating in 1944. While there I met — and on 17 June 1944 married — Betty Ann Kosters of Newton, Massachusetts, a student at the Yale School of Nursing.

I returned to St. Paul for a year's internship ('44–'45), then entered the army as a medical officer, serving most of the time at Ft. Meade, Maryland. There our first child, Marianne Louise, was born (4-9-46). Following military service, I spent a year in Danville, Kentucky, as a state hospital superintendent. Our first son, Frank Whitney, Jr., was born in Danville on 6-17-47. In 1948 we moved to Topeka, Kansas, for my psychiatric residency at the Menninger Foundation School of Psychiatry. Two boys were born in Topeka: Stuart Brittain (8-3-48) and Philip Allen (2-27-50). In 1952 we settled in Indianapolis where I've been in private psychiatric practice ever since. During this time I've also been a professor of psychiatry at the Indiana University School of Medicine. Our last two children were born in Indianapolis: Christopher Kosters (2-7-56) and Elisabeth Ann (7-19-57).

After we moved to Indianapolis, Betty Ann became affiliated with La Leche League International and, for awhile, taught nursing at the Indiana University School of Nursing In La Leche League, a nonprofit breastfeeding education organization, Betty Ann served in state offices, was later elected to the international board of directors, and ultimately became chairman of the board. I'm on the league's professional advisory board and have travelled with my wife on league trips in the U.S. and to Central and South America. We've enjoyed numerous trips to Europe, with and without children. Now we're looking forward to gradual retirement with whatever that may bring. Betty Ann — who has done a good deal of writing in the past — is now doing research for a book on aging. [Note from B.A.: Did you know that quite a few Countrymans write? There are six Countryman authors listed in the library computer — David, Edward, Jack, Kathleen, Vern, and me.]

Now to our children's statistics: *Frank, Jr.* married Lizabeth Topping of Ashland, Ohio. He was graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy, has an M.B.A., was an Air Force pilot, and is now a pilot with Eastern Airlines. They have two sons, Mark (born 1970) and Kevin (born 1976). *Stuart* married Alice Bowman of Indianapolis. They own an engraving and trophy business. They have five children, Bradley ('70), Heather ('73), John ('75), Nicholas ('77), and Peter ('80). *Philip* , married to Sandra Arnholter of

The Frank W. Countryman clan. Left side, top to bottom: Philip, Sandi, Amy, Frank, Jr., and Nick. Second from left (standing): Stuart and Libby. Third from left (standing): Mark and Alice. Fourth from left (standing): Bradley. Right side: Christopher and Peter (standing), Melissa (left) and Gwendolyn (right) holding Scott. Seated, center front: Betty Ann, holding John (left) and Kevin (right); Heather behind Frank, Sr., Marianne, Lisa, and Jan are not pictured.

Indianapolis, is a physician in residency training. Their children are Melissa ('73), Amy ('76), and Scott ('80). *Cristopher* married Gwendolyn Lewis of Michigan, has a master's degree in religious studies, has taught in primary and secondary schools, and is now a pastoral associate in nearby Greenfield. At present, they have no children. All the boys live in or very near Indianapolis.

Marianne married Robert Burkhart, a Hoosier. She has a master's degree in public health and heads the evaluation department of Pathfinder Foundation and lives in Watertown, Massachusetts. She has no children. *Elisabeth* married Jan Willem Allen of Michigan. With degrees in marketing and engineering, she is a project engineer with a communications company. Lisa lives in Seattle, Washington.

So much for my immediate family. My dad had two siblings. A sister, Helen, never married and died in Appleton, Minnesota, sometime in the '30s. His brother, Peter Frederick (now deceased) lived in Ontario, Oregon, was married, and had two daughters: Jean, who married a man named Smith; and Joan, who lives in the Boston area and is married to a doctor at M.I.T. named Suits. Both Jean and Joan have children.

by Frank W. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, FRANKLIN & JANE (LAMOND)

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The family of Franklin Countryman, taken on his farm, Tweed, Ontario, Canada, about 1908. Standing: Chesley, Howard, and Morna. Ray in tree. Seated: Franklin, Jean, wife Jane holding Harkness.

The Canadian Countrymans — Franklin, of Martin, of John, of Jacob, of Conradt.

Franklin was the youngest son of Martin Countryman and his wife Ann Weart who were married at Osnabruck (near Cornwall, Ontario) north of the St. Lawrence River, in Canada, November 1845.

Franklin married Jane Lamond and came to Tweed, Ontario, where, with his father, he operated a brickyard just south of the village. He turned to farming when an imported (to the area) mass-produced brick of more durable, harder clay forced the closing of the yard.

Four sons and two daughters were born of this union. Chesley, the oldest, was unmarried and lived his entire lifetime in the immediate Tweed area.

Morna Agnes went to Winnipeg, Manitoba, as a young woman. She met and married John Sinclair, an immigrant from Scotland who was employed with the Canadian postal department. They had two sons, Franklin and Robert. Frank, who is retired from the Canada Dapartment of Transport, and his wife, Sadie (Neufeldt), have one son, Kenneth, and three daughters, Caren, Barbara, and Margaret. Frank lives in Dauphin, Manitoba. Bob resides in Lethbridge, Alberta, and is married to Elaine; he has two adopted daughters, Rochelle (Mueller) and Sherrie.

Howard remained in the Tweed area and worked for the Tweed Steel Works as a welder. He and his wife, Blanche, had two sons and a daughter. Frank (now deceased) was unmarried and an electrician. Marilyn and her husband, John Lanigan, operate a farm at Stirling, Ontario. They have three children, all living in the Stirling area: Sharon (Robinson), Douglas, and Joan (Donaldson). Alec lives in Whitby, Ontario, and has a grown family of six: Trevor, Cheryl, Debra, Kelly, Perry, and Theresa, and several grandchildren.

Alice Jean married Albert Sherry and for several years operated a grocery store in Tweed. They had a son and a daughter. Margaret Jean (Peggy) married Joseph Ham and lives in Port Hope, Ontario. They have three children: Sherrylyn works in Belleville, Ontario; John, a small engine mechanic, works in Port Hope; and Marnie is still in high school. Don is a school teacher in Peterborough, Ontario. He and his wife, Getha (Joslin), have two children. Their daughter, Michele (Holden), lives in Calgary, Alberta, and has a young daughter, Taryn. Their son, Kevin, who sells sporting equipment, lives in Kitchener, Ontario, with his wife, Sandra, and young son, Blake.

Raymond worked with the grain exchange in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He and his wife, Dorothy, had one son, Jack, who is unmarried and lives in Winnipeg.

The youngest member of the family was Harkness, who spent his working years with the Canadian Pacific Railway, first as a telegrapher, then as station agent. His two sons, Glenn and Lorne, worked with the railway. Glenn, who never married, lived in Sudbury, Ontario, until his death. Lorne lives in Chatham, Ontario, with his wife, Isobel. They have two daughters, Diana (Holling) and Susan (Novosedlik), and five grandchildren.

Franklin Countryman died in middle age. All of his family of six are deceased. None of his ten grandchildren live in the Tweed area, and of his 22 great-grandchildren, only two (grandsons of Howard) will pass on the 'Countryman' name to their offspring.

by Peggy Ham

COUNTRYMAN, FRANKLIN WESLEY & CATHERINE (VANDERMOON)

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Catherine "Kate" Vendermoon and Franklin Wesley Countryman on their wedding day, 4 March 1890. Photo taken in Racine, Wisconsin. The ceremony took place at the Paris, Kenosha County, Wisconsin, Lutheran Church. Frank is the son of Abram and Magdalena (Miller) Countryman.

Franklin, of Abram, of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Franklin Wesley, son of Abram and Magdalena (Muller) Countryman, was born in Wheeling Township, Cook County, Illinois, on 8 February 1864.

When Frank was three years old the family moved to Section 20 in Yorktown Township, Henry County. Here the father, a farmer who was also a master carpenter, built the rough-board cabin in which they were to live for the next 11 years. Then father built a modern two-story frame house to replace the original cabin. Frank probably assisted in the carpentry. The family were active members of the Hooppole Evangelical Association church.

On 4 March 1890 in the Lutheran Church in Paris, Kenosha County, Wisconsin, Frank was wed to Miss Katie Vandermoon by the Reverend J.H. Koch, with witnesses Henry Vandermoon and Carrie Schnell. Catherine was born in Paris on 28 November 1862 to Albert and Philippina (Klein) Vandermoon. Albert was born in Holland; his wife Philippina (Phoebe) was born in Cleveland, Ohio. Kate, as Catherine was known in later years, had a brother William Vandermoon, who had married Anna Wolf of Yorktown in 1889. Another brother, John J. Vandermoon, married Anna Wolf's sister Elisabeth Wolf in 1897. It is not known how the Vandermoons happened to meet and marry Yorktown residents.

Another pose of Frank and Kate Countryman on their farm near Paton, Iowa, possibly around 1900. "Old Dobbin" is hitched and waiting! Their white house, which was a residence until about 1978 when it was replaced, had a living room, kitchen, bedroom and washroom downstairs, and a small, low-ceiling room upstairs.

Father Abram purchased a farm in Section 13 of Dawson Township, Greene County, Iowa, by 1 March 1890, according to the tax assessment. Apparently the purpose was not only for investment, but to provide a home for Frank and Kate, who probably moved there shortly after their marriage. The farm was located about two miles west of Paton on the north side of Route 397. Here, a difficult delivery caused the death of their only baby.

On 7 December 1899 Abram's heirs sold their interest in the farm to their brother Frank for $3015.00. On 21 January 1920 a house in the town of Paton (Lot 1, Block 10 of Tallman's First Addition) was bought in Catherine's name for $1850.00 from a W.H. Lightfoot. The house was two blocks south and a block east of the business district on the southwest corner. Farmland was across the street to the east.

Kate suffered from chronic colitis for many years and must have felt close to death in the fall of 1931, as on October 19 she transferred title to this property to her husband. On 7 December 1931 she died from "mitral inefficiency" and colitis at the age of 69 years 10 days in Paton, Paton Township, Greene County. She had been under her doctor's care for four weeks.

About 1938 Frank met with some financial problems and needed to borrow some money from his brother George. Later the decision was made to sell the farm. A George H. and Nellie M. Rapp purchased it on 31 July 1941 for $10,000. About this time Frank's sister Anna (Countryman) Landwehr, whose husband had died in 1922, was residing with Frank. The length of her stay is unknown.

Frank had apparently been ill since 1942, as a Harry Hillard presented a claim against the estate "for services during F.W. Countryman's lifetime, and caring for the property

Frank and Kate (Vandermoon) Countryman on their farm near Paton, Green County, Iowa, about 1892, probably following a spring rain.

after his death, for a total of three years — staying with and caring for him, buying his groceries, tending fires, etc."

On 12 June 1945, after spending his last six weeks in the Betz Nursing Home, Jefferson Township, Greene County, Frank died of myocardial degeneration at the age of 81 years 4 months and 4 days. He is buried beside his wife in the Dawson Township Cemetery, Greene County, located about four miles west of Paton on Route 397. They were of the Lutheran faith.

The house was sold 29 August 1945 to a Leo R. and Gwen Dumdei for $1425.00. This included $100 for all furniture, bedding, cooking utensils, dishes and silverware, except that which belonged to brother George: two cane-bottomed chairs, one black walnut center table, one bureau, and one chest of drawers. George was executor of Frank's estate in accordance with his will dated 10 June 1932. The estate was divided equally among his heirs: Anna Landwehr, Horace Landwehr, guardian; Edwin Countryman; the four children of William Countryman; and George Countryman. These were Frank's surviving sister and three brothers.

by Lorraine Weick

COUNTRYMAN, FREDERICK

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Frederick, of Andreas Frantz, of Johann Frederick.

Frederick Countryman was baptized at Kingston, New York, on March 25, 1733, and died in Ulster County, New York, before 1810. He married Elizabeth Shaffer, who was born in February of 1728 at Kingston, New York.

Frederick and his sons Matthew, Andreas, and Elias signed the Articles of Association at Marbletown, New York, in 1775. Frederick was fined 200 pounds for two sons who had gone off to join the enemy on February 10, 1781. No service records have been found for any of his sons.

Frederick and Elizabeth (Shaffer) Countryman's children were:

(1) Andreas, baptized at Marbletown, New York, on February 12, 1754, lived in Ulster County, New York, until after 1775, but no record of marriage or family has been found.

(2) Mattheus (Matthew) Countryman, which see.

(3) Elias, baptized at Marbletown, New York, on October 30, 1758, died in Ulster County before 1830. He married Nancy Dewitt. Five children.

(4) Henricus, baptized at Marbletown, New York, on March 31, 1761, died in Ulster County before 1810. This family is mentioned in the *Countryman Genealogy* , but the information is in error and incomplete. He married Mary (Maria) Conway. Five children.

(5) Levi was baptized at Marbletown, New York, on July 17, 1763. No record of marriage or family.

(6) Laura, baptized at Marbletown, New York, on October 26, 1765, married Daniel Carney. Seven children.

(7) Paulus (Paul), baptized at Marbletown, New York, on April 23, 1769, married Margriete Wood. Seven children.

by Lauraine Horbak

COUNTRYMAN, FREDERICK

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Frederick, of Andreas Frantz, of Johann Fredriech.

Frederick, son of Andreas Frantz Konterman and Cornelia Keyser, was baptised March 25, 1733, in Kingston, New York. He married Elizabeth Scheef. They had seven children: Andreas (bp. February 12, 1754), Mattheus (bp. June 7, 1756), Elias (bp. October 31, 1758) Henricus (bp. March 31, 1761), Levi Counterman (bp. July 17, 1763), Laura (bp. October 26, 1765) and Paulus (bp. April 23, 1769). All the children were baptised in Marbletown, New York. Frederick died between 1800 and 1810 in Ulster County, New York.

by Margaret Haper

COUNTRYMAN, FREDERICK & ANN (ALTENHOFFEN)

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This information covers Frederick Neil Countryman and Ann (Altenhoffen) Countryman's children. On page 96 in the *Countryman Genealogy* book of 1925, it shows they had two children, Douglas and Rita Mae, but on January 12, 1926, they had another son born to them, Roderick Neil "Pinky" Countryman.

In 1932 Frederick Neil Countryman brought his family to California to live in the Lodi area until 1939, when they then moved to Modesto, California. His descendants have lived in this area ever since. Frederick Neil died in 1957, his wife died in 1975.

The first son, Douglas Joseph Countryman, served in the United States 363rd Infantry Regiment from November 1942 through November 1945. On April 29, 1947, he married Alta Marie Losey. They had three sons: Mark, born on November 22, 1951; Ames Joseph, born on November 28, 1953; and Reed Anthony, born on March 21, 1956. Mark has a daughter, Kellie Maureen Hinkle, born on September 2, 1970. Mark married Linda Sue Truby on April 19, 1975, and they have two sons and one daughter: Phillip Douglas, born January 6, 1979; Nicole Marie, born November 19, 1980; and Shaun Edward, born August 31, 1982. Ames Joseph married Susan Lynne Dominik on August 31, 1979. At this time they have no children, and Reed Anthony is unmarried. Douglas Joseph was a bread salesman in Modesto from the time he was out of the army until his death on December 21, 1975.

Rita Mae Countryman married Joseph A. Caldera on September 15, 1946. They have two sons and three daughters: Craig William, born May 20, 1949; Caryn Louise, born March 9, 1951; Kim Suzanne, born March 1, 1956; Eric Joseph, born July 7, 1961; and Lynette De Anne, born March 15, 1965. Craig William married Danell Bell on June 4, 1977; they have no children. Caryn Louise married James David Macias on June 20, 1969, and they have two daughters, Monica Kelly, born October 19, 1972, and Ann Marie, born May 18, 1975. Kim Suzanne married Mike Hakes June 21, 1974. They were divorced in 1981 and she married Manuel Davalos on October 12, 1985. Eric Joseph married Virginia O'Connor on June 4, 1983, and they have one son, Kyle Joseph, born July 23, 1985. Lynette De Anne is unmarried at this time.

Roderick Neil Countryman (known as "Pinky" all his life) married Marcelene Ginotti on February 12, 1946. They have one daughter, Vicki Ann, born July 15, 1947, and one son, Roderick Neil II, born January 25, 1961. Vicki Ann married James Wall in 1965 and they have one son, Brett James, born January 25, 1966.

by Alta Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, GEORGE & AGNES (CLITTY)

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George Countryman (1867–1900), son of Alexander and Catherine (Fitzpatrick) Countryman.

George, of Alexander, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Friedrich.

George, son of Alexander and Catherine (Fitzpatrick) Countryman, was born at Carson City, Nevada, in 1867. He married Agnes Clitty, who was from Becker, Minnesota. They lived on a ranch near Absarokee, Montana where he engaged in the cattle business with his half brother, Joe Kern. One daughter, Vera, was born to them. George died October 22, 1900.

by Roy Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, GEORGE & PHILA

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of Harrison, Kansas

George Countryman, born in 1837, a resident of New York and Wisconsin before coming to Kansas. The original photo was taken in Seneca, Kansas.

The earliest documented information on the family of George and Phila Countryman is dated 1875. They were residents of Harrison, Nemaha County, Kansas, at that time. George was 37 years old and engaged in farming. Phila, too, was 37 and both came from the state of New York. Daughter Frankie, age 13, came from New York as did Hiram, age 11. Frederick, age 6, was born in Wisconsin. William, age 3, and Dewey, one year, were born in Kansas. Dewey was born in Winfield, Cowley County, Kansas, about 1874.

Dewey and Lovella (Shain) Countryman were parents of Clarence George Shain Countryman, born August 3, 1903, in Garden City, Kansas. The marriage of Dewey and Lovella (Lola) Countryman was a short one. Little more is known about Dewey after this time. Lola Countryman died young from a chronic illness; she had resided in Texas County, Oklahoma.

Clarence George Shain Countryman grew up in Texas County, Oklahoma, attended one-room grade schools, and finished high school in Hooker, Oklahoma. About 1930 Clarence G.S. Countryman married Ethel Schroeder of Fort Worth, Texas. Their sons are Clarence Shain Countryman, graduate of Oklahoma University School of Pharmacy and owner of Fannin Pharmacy in Bonham, Texas, and James Alvin Countryman, graduate of Oklahoma State School of Veterinary Medicine. James established his own clinic in Guymon, Oklahoma, shortly after graduation.

James and wife Dorothy (Bassham) Countryman still reside in Guymon. The children of James and Dorothy Countryman are Carol, Mark, and Maria. Carol is a third year medical student at Oklahoma University School of Medicine. Mark is a business student who receives a military commission as well as a business degree upon graduation. Maria, the youngest of this group of George Countryman's great-great-grandchildren, is a student at Oklahoma University, currently pursuing a nursing degree.

by Clarence Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, GEORGE & RACHEL (MILLHOUSE)

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Blackburn's *History of Bedford & Somerset County* states that George Countryman "emigrated with his family from Conococheague Valley about 1772."

The children of George and Rachel were Jacob, George, Peter, Rachel, Susanna Ambrose, and Elizabeth.

Susanna's husband, John Ambrose, and his father, Frederick Ambrose, were executor and witness to the will of George Countryman. Frederick Ambrose (May 4, 1738–July 29, 1791) and Margretha Ambrose (January 11, 1742–September 11, 1809) moved to Ligonier Valley about 1790 and are buried in Brant private cemetery three miles south of Ligonier. Their children were Henry, John, and George. John (1766–1839) and Susanna (Countryman) Ambrose (January 18, 1768–March 10, 1843) are buried in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, six miles south of Ligonier.

The children of John and Susanna were Killian, Jacob, Mary Marker, Katherine King, Elizabeth Shaner, Louisa Mathews, Rachel Weller, and Juliann. Juliann married George Hays, son of Lewis Hays and Polly (Ernfreid) Hays.

George and Juliann (Ambrose) Hays moved to Iowa in 1854 and to Nebraska in 1856. Their children were Mary Ann, Louisa, John, David, Lewis, Michael, Jesse, and Susan.

Jesse married Viola Freed, whose parents were Samuel Russell and Margaret (Garner) Freed. Margaret was the daughter of Job and Rebecca (Jones) Garner. Samuel Russel was the son of Samuel Russel and Nancy (Jones) Freed. Jesse and Viola (Freed) Hays had two daughters, Gertrude (Hays) Hinds and Nevada (Hays) Hansen. Gertrude Hays married Daniel S. Hinds and their children are Jessamine Hays (Hinds) McMullen and Hays Hinds, deceased.

Jessamine married Richard McMullen and their children are Eleanor (McMullen) Hill, Mary Ann (McMullen) Burton, and Richard Andrew McMullen. Eleanor married Carl Hill and their children are Rebecca (Hill) Jobman, Mary Elizabeth Marquardt, Daniel Hill, and Philip Hill. Rebecca Jobman's children are Danielle and Jessica Eickhoff. Mary Ann married Thomas F. Burton and they have five children, Lucinda (Burton) Kopf, Cecelia (Burton) Simon, Thomas Hays Burton, Robert Burton, and Timothy Burton. Andrew McMullen married Janet Warrick and they have three children, Richard Andrew III, John McMullen, and Susan McMullen.

by Jessamine H. McMullen

COUNTRYMAN, GEORGE C. & CARRIE (SMITH)

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George C. Countryman.

George C., of Abram, of Henry.

Mr. George C. Countryman was born on a farm near Hooppole, Illinois, on August 15, 1876. His parents were Abram and Magdalena Countryman. He attended the country school and by working at the trade of carpentry, earned enough money to pay for his education at Dixon, Illinois. He graduated from Marion College. He taught Latin and Greek at Dallas College, Dallas, Oregon. In 1902 he went to Western Union College [now known as Westmar College, Le Mars, Iowa], filling the chair of classical languages and later became head of the English department. He married Carrie Smith, whose parents were Lawson Smith and Alice (Weinger) Smith.

He served four years as county superintendent of schools in Akron, Iowa. He was elected superintendent of city schools of Davenport, Washington. In 1913 he went to Everett, Washington, as teacher of agriculture and manual training. He taught in the English department of Everett High School and was an instructor of dramatics.

He was a graduate of Western Union College, a graduate of dramatics and had done graduate work at the State University of Iowa and the University of Washington.

After the death of his wife in 1940 and his retirement from teaching in 1943, he came to Boise, Idaho, and made his home with his son, Winston U. Countryman. George Countryman died December 10, 1975.

He was a charter member of the Boise Little Theatre. He was a member of the first

play produced as well as numerous other plays. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, Everett, Washington.

In 1948, the family bought a farm outside of Boise. George took care of the animals, did the milking, irrigating, and raised a garden with the assistance of the family. There were three grandsons — Donald Winston, James Richard, and David Allan.

by Mrs. Winston Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, GEORGE W.S. & SALLIE

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The Alabama Countrymans — George W.S.

George W.S. Countryman was born in April 1820 and married Sallie Countryman, born ca. 1824 in South Carolina. His mother was Darcus B., born ca. 1792 in South Carolina. Her parents were from Ireland. George was living with his son Albert S.J. at the time of the 1900 census. Date and place of his death is unknown. He appeared on the Monroe County, Alabama, census in 1870, 1880, and 1900. He served in the Civil War as a private, Co. C of 3rd Reg. of Ala. Cavalry. *Who was his father, and who were Sallie's parents?*

George W.S. and Sallie Countryman were the parents of six children:

James C. was born in 1845 in South Carolina and died 4 January 1901 at Grove Hill, Clarke County, Alabama. He was married to Julia A. Walker (born 6 April 1842, Lower Peachtree, Wilcox County, Alabama) on 22 March 1868 at Choctaw Corner, Alabama. Her father was Josiah Rutledge. She married her first husband, J.A. Walker, on 25 December 1860 at Dickinson, Alabama. Issue: Lavenia Walker, born 1862, Alabama; no other known. He served in Civil War, private, Co. G 4th Ala. Cavalry from July 1861 to 22 May 1865. Enlisted at Ashville, wounded at Selma, Alabama, April 2, 1865. Resided Grove Hill, Clarke County, Alabama.

Darcus E. was born in 1850/51 in Georgia and died 17 August 1905, buried at Brewer Cemetery, Conecuh County, Alabama. Married J.C. Reaves 25 April 1877, Monroe County, Alabama, at the home of the bride. Issue unknown. Also buried at Brewer Cemetery is James W. Reaves, born 3 February 1878, died 26 February 1890.

William Riley was born 24 April 1854 in Alabama. His story is given separately.

Melissa Margaret Ann was born in 1857 in Alabama. She married Jack Mills; no issue. She is buried at Godwin Cemetery, Bratt, Florida.

Thomas Alva was born 7 December 1858 in Alabama. His story is given separately.

Albert Sidney Johnson was born in May 1862. His story is given separately.

by Maxine Holland

COUNTRYMAN, GLEN & ORA (WEIMER)

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Left to right: Maxine, Glen, Norma, and Ora Countryman. Taken in Minneapolis, Minnesota, about 1944.

Glen, of Clarence Clement, of Dennis, of Peter, of Conrad II, of Jacob, of Conrad I, of Johann Fredriech.

Dennis Countryman was the father of Clarence Clement Countryman, who was born August 14, 1872. He married Mattie Virginia Philips in 1896. They had six children. Leslie Dennis was born in 1897 and died when he was 13 years old. Laurel Lee was born in 1899 and died as a result of an accidental gunshot wound when he was 16 years old. Glen Clement was born in 1901 and died at the age of 55 in 1956. Maud Mae was born March 24, 1903. Eva Birdena was born in 1905 and died of tuberculosis in 1935. Clarence C. was born in 1906 and died in 1972. Clarence Clement died of typhoid fever at the age of 34 in 1906. All the children except the baby had typhoid at the same time and they all survived.

Glen Clement met Ora Frances Weimer when she came to work in his home town of Redfield, South Dakota. Ora was from Marcus, Iowa, where her parents owned a farm. Glen and Ora were married March 15, 1921. They had two children, Norma Jane and Phyllis Maxine. Glen tried farming for a while and then decided to go to barber school in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He moved his family to Dallas Center, Iowa, where they stayed for four years. He had his own barber shop there and in New Hampton, Iowa, for a short time, and then back to Marcus for four years.

When Norma and Maxine were in their early teens the family moved back to Minneapolis. They arrived after a long, seemingly endless day because Glen had come down with a very serious bout with strep throat. He was not able to work for six months. After his recovery he started work at Northern States Power Company. He went to work at a defense plant during World War II. After the war he worked at Sunset Memorial Park in Minneapolis. Ora went back to work when the girls were in high school She worked at Minneapolis Honeywell until she retired. Ora currently lives in New Jersey near her daughter Maxine.

by Phyllis Maxine (Countryman) Siderides

COUNTRYMAN, HAROLD GLENN & LILLY (ELSEBERRY)

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Estelle (Twogood) and Horace Countryman in 1940.

Harold, of Horace.

Harold Glenn Countryman was born January 18, 1898, at Moville, Iowa, the second oldest of six children born to Horace and Estelle (Twogood) Countryman. Harold was raised on the family farm between Coleridge and Randolph, Nebraska.

He was married to Lilly Elseberry at Coleridge, Nebraska, in 1923 and farmed in that area for some years. Two sons were born to them, Dallas on April 12, 1924, and Darrell on November 6, 1928.

Harold moved his family to Mt. Vernon, Washington, in 1939 and worked as a carpen-

Lilly (Elseberry) and Harold Countryman in 1960.

ter and millwright until his retirement from the Weyerhauser Timber Company. At the time of this printing, he resides in Marysville, Washington.

Mrs. Countryman passed away August 14, 1970.

by Darrell Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, HARRISON & ESTELLA (ST. CLARE)

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Edward S. Countryman with his wife Estella, daughter Nancy Louise, and Harrison, son of Estella and her first husband, Harrison Countryman (Edward's brother). Photo taken in Plainfield, Illinois, about 1939.

Harrison, of Joseph, Jr., of Joseph.

Harrison Countryman, Sr., was born March 16, 1888, in Plainfield, Illinois, and died April 2, 1933. He married Estella St. Clare and they were the parents of one son, Harrison, Jr. (Estella was later remarried to Harrison's brother, Edward S. Countryman.)

Harrison, Jr., served in the army. One June 4, 1960, he married June E. Brisbin from Plattville, Illinois.

On November 12, 1963, their first son, David Joseph, was born. On October 15, 1966, their second son, Dale Wayne, was born.

Harrison, Jr., and all his family live in Plainfield where Harrison works for the Village of Plainfield.

by Harrison Countryman, Jr.

COUNTRYMAN, HAZEL ESTA (OSBORNE)

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Frank George Countryman and Hazel Esta Osborne on their wedding day, 21 June 1921.

Hazel, wife of Frank George, of James Milton, of Martin, of Elijah, of Martin, of Henry.

Our mother, Hazel Esta (Osborne) Countryman, was born on Slate Hill in Ross County, Ohio, 16 November 1900 to Phillip George and Margaret Mae (Warner) Osborne. They were married 10 October 1897. Hazel was one of four children. Her brothers and sisters are: Viola Marie, married Henry Larkins, second to George Maxwell; Francis Edward, married Hyacinth Waits; and Lewis William, married Pearl Carlson, second to Lawanna Ruble.

Phillip George Osborne, Hazel's father, was born 5 May 1872 in Ross County, Ohio, and died 9 September 1960 in Highland County, Ohio. His parents were Jacob Evan Osborne, Sr., and Martha Jane Flesher, married 21 August 1854. Jacob and Martha's children were: Peter Henry, married Mary Roseboom; Sallee Ann, died at 15 years old; Jacob Evan, Jr., married Mary E. Huffman; Samuel, married Alice –?–; Catherine Jane, married Moses D. Hare; Flora Ellen, married Erastus Miller; William Latty, married Lulu –?–; Charles Gilmore, married Mary Mae –?–; and Nancy M., married Leonard D. Williamson.

Jacob Evan Osborne, Sr., was born 27 May 1835 in Highland County, Ohio, and died 3 January 1907 in Ross County, Ohio. His father, Enoch Osborne, was born in Loudon County, Virginia, in 1769 and he died in June 1859 in Highland County, Ohio. Jacob's mother, Catherine Coons (daughter of George and Rachel Coons) was born in 1802 in Virginia.

Martha Jane Flesher was born in 1832 in Virginia and died in 1899 in Ross County, Ohio. To Peter Flesher and Ann Jude were born: Peter Henry, never married; Michael, married Ann Good; Charles Monroe, married Harriet Veach; Jacob, married Tamsey Jane Hurtt; Casper, married Martha Jane Michal; Ann, married William S. Badley; Sarah, never married; and Martha Jane.

Margaret Mae Warner, Hazel's mother, was born 4 May 1880 in Ross County, Ohio, to Thornton James Warner and Sarah Elizabeth Davis. She died 15 November 1966 in Pasadena, California. Thornton and Sarah were married in Morgan County, Ohio, 9 January 1868. Issue: Cora L., married Jasper Phillips; James Edward, married Jennie Lafferty; John H., married Anna –?–, second to Grace –?–; Alfred Burton, married Mona Buck; Charles W., married Bertha M.; Nora H., married Otto Neff; and Minnie E., married Fred Coblentz.

Civil War veteran Thornton James Warner was born 10 January 1845 in Ross County, Ohio, and died in Fayette County, Ohio, 2 February 1920. His parents were William S. Warner, born 1802 in Delaware, and Rachel W. Oldham, born 1822 in Ohio (daughter of Edward and Jane Oldham). William and Rachel's children were: John Edward; Mary Jane, married –?– Kinzer; Charles M.; Sarah Ann; and Emma V.

Sarah Elizabeth Davis was born in Morgan County, Ohio, 23 December 1851 and died 27 January 1933 in Fayette County, Ohio. Her father, Ezekiel J. Davis (son of Joshua Davis and Achsah Hersey) was born in 1828 in Morgan County, Ohio, and died 7 July 1862 in Tennessee during the Civil War. Her mother was Margaret F. Smith, born 25 May 1835 in Morgan County, Ohio, and died 23 March 1908 in Ross County, Ohio. Margaret married second to John Dean and third to Daniel Dennis. Ezekiel and Margaret's issue: George W., married Laura Schockley; James M., married Mary C. Holloway; and Charles Joshua, never married. To Margaret and John Dean were born: Lucinda A., married William H. Holloway; Laura J., married Allen T. Dennis; and Carry E., married Ida E. –?–.

It took all these ancestors to make one beautiful person — our mother, Hazel Esta Osborne Countryman.

by Nancy Countryman Blatz, Betty Countryman Hoffman, and Robert Frank Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, HEINRICH C. & CATHARINA (DOCKSTADER)

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Heinrich, of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Heinrich C. (Henry) Countryman was the sixth of seven children born to Conrad III Countryman and his wife Catharina, daughter of Gerhard Muller/Miller. Henry was born 8 August 1811 in Minden Township, Montgomery County, New York, and baptized at St. Paul's (Geisenburg) Lutheran Church 29 September 1811 with sponsors Henry and Catharinà (Countryman) Gaert-

Heinrich C. Countryman (1811–1878), son of Conrad III and grandson of Conrad II, brought his family to Illinois in 1844.

Catharina (Dockstader) Countryman (1812–1902), daughter of Wilhelm and Catharina (Christman) Dockstader, and wife of Heinrich C. Countryman.

ner. No doubt as a young boy he began learning farming and the trades of carpentry and shoemaking from his father.

On 27 January 1829 Henry, age 17, was wed to Catharina, age 16, daughter of Wilhelm and Catharina (Christman) Dockstader, born in Minden Township 9 November 1812 and baptized 6 March 1813 at German Flats Reformed Church. Henry and Catharina made their first home at Paine's Hollow, German Flats P.O., Little Falls Township, Herkimer County, New York. Here were born five children, Abram, Conrad, Catharina Sophia, Philinda, and Clarissa Lucinda. Possibly at least the younger children were baptized by Evangelical Association circut riders. This denomination, originating among the Pennsylvania Germans, had formed a Mohawk Valley circut in 1833.

In 1844 with other relatives, this family migrated to Illinois via an Erie Canal barge and a Great Lakes side-wheel steamer. Fearing their lives would be lost during a severe storm on the Lakes, they enjoyed their entire supply of brown sugar as their "last meal."

Henry and Catharina's first home in Illinois was a rented farm in Vernon Township, Lake County. Before their first Thanksgiving there, son Henry II was born. Later two other children were born, but both died as infants: Daniel, born 26 April 1850, died sometime after 19 September 1850; and Helen P., born 19 September 1856. It is believed Henry's mother Catharina (Muller) Countryman, widow of Conrad III, died in Illinois within five years of their arrival from New York.

During the 1850s the family moved to another rented farm a short distance south in Wheeling Township, Cook County. In 1860 Henry, Catharina, and sons Conrad and Henry II were living there with son Abram, his wife Magdalena, and their daughter Mary Anna. Henry was employed at the time as a shoemaker. Some of the family were members first of the AuxPlain Evangelical Association (North Northfield), organized June 1837 as the first German-speaking congregation of any type in northern Illinois.

Sometime after their move to Wheeling they became members of the newly-formed Wheeling/Long Grove Mission circut of the German Methodist Church (virtually the same in doctrine as the Evangelical Association). The Long Grove church was only a quarter-mile south of daughter Catharina Sophia Ruppert's farm. Twice the Rock River Conference listed contributors to missionary work. In 1862 we find Mrs. Guntermann (Catharina D.?), 25¢; C. Guntermann (Conrad), 10¢; Philinde Schmidt (daughter), 25¢; and G. Zimmerman, 50¢ (Gottlieb not yet married to widowed daughter Clarissa). In 1863 we find only H. Gunterman (no doubt, Henry), 75¢. The rule that year was not to separately list any contributions under 50¢. In 1866 in the (newly formed) Northwest German Methodist Conference journal, a contributor from the Wheeling Mission was Conrad Guntermann, 20¢.

By 1867 the family had moved to Yorktown Township, Henry County, following the lead of other Evangelical friends and relatives. Henry's 80-acre farm, just west of the present village of Hooppole, Illinois, had been purchased 26 September 1866. Eighty acres to the south were added in 1873. Five years later Pastor Peter Himmel of the Hooppole Settlement Evangelical Association, wrote Henry's obituary. Translated from "Der Christliche Botschafter" it says, in part, "Father Heinrich Countryman died in peace on 12 October 1878 in Yorktown . . . at the age of 67 years 2 months 4 days. He was converted in his youth to God and united later with our denomination. In the year 1829 he joined in marriage . . . and in 1844 he migrated . . . to Oblain [Desplain or AuxPlain, referring to the Evangelical settlement in the Des-Plaines River Valley], Illinois. For several years he farmed in that place. . . . When I visited him during his illness, I found him resigned to God's will and ready to die. . . . He leaves behind his grieving widow, 6 children, 16 grandchildren, in addition to friends, to feel his death." According to Henry's death certificate he died after suffering four months from "Dropsy General Anasarca" (pronounced, generalized edema). He was the first of eight to be buried in the family plot at the Hooppole Cemetery. These included his wife Catharina; their son Abram, Abram's wife Magdalena, their young daughter Adlaid, and their three infant grandchildren (two sons of William and one son of Edwin).

After Henry's death Catharina went to live with Abram and family — a move of about three miles northwest. The six grandchildren were ages two through 20 at that time. Four years later a significant event changed the lives of this family. Little eight-year-old Adlaid died from a ruptured appendix. Her mother went into a severe depression, leaving Catharina with much of the family care and raising of the younger children.

Of Catharina, family members recall: she was a very small woman; she smoked a clay pipe on doctor's advice, supposedly to prevent earaches (or clear them up!); she made hex signs with a stick in the dirt in front of the door to keep away evil spirits; she refused screens on the windows as they would only serve to keep in the flies; she carded, spun, and dyed wool; she knit mittens for the family; and she went to church regularly, but would not give money for the new organ, as she did not believe in music in church!

After Abram's death in 1897 Catharina lived for a time with grandson Frank in Paton, Iowa; with grandson Edwin in Hooppole (1900 census); and lastly with daughter Sophia Ruppert in Long Grove, Lake County, where she died after a two-month illness on 24 June 1902 at the age of 89 years 7 months 15 days. Family tradition says there was an Indian maiden (probably Mohawk) in the ancestries of both Henry and Catharina!

by Lorraine Weick

COUNTRYMAN, CAPT. HENRY

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Our early Countryman (Guntryman, Gunterman, Gonterman) ancestors are believed to have come from the Palitinate area of Germany. The earliest known ancestor was Capt. Henry Countryman, of the American Revolution. His name appears as a 2nd Lt. in the military records on file in the New Jersey Archives and History Bureau, "on a list dated July 26, 1775, of officers chosen in the Township of Upper Hardwick, New Town, Wantage and Hardiston, agreeably to the directions of the Provincial Congress set by appointment at the home of Ephrain Martin to choose field officers. This paper endorsed 'Bergen Committee's Certificate of Militia officers allowed and commissioned accordingly'."

Henry Countryman (Gunterman) was born ca. 1745, birthplace unknown. No direct connection to him is found in the *Countryman Genealogy,* by Alvin Countryman, 1925. However, one genealogist believes it is *possible* that he was descended from Andreas Frantz Gundermann, son of Johann Friderick Gundermann and Maria Barbara. Andreas Frantz Gundermann married (1) Anna Sybilla Scharrmann, daughter of Johann Heinrich Scharrmann and Anna Catharine, on 19 September 1715, at Newtown, New York, according to Kocherthal records for West Camp Lutheran Church. Andreas' second child, Johann Heinrich, was born 6 September 1719, baptized 13 September 1719 by the Rev. Justus Falckner at Rhinebeck, New York, married Arriantje Keyser, and they would be the right age to be the parents of our Henry. Henry Countryman (Gunterman) married Elizabeth Cass, and after the Revolution, moved with his family to Nelson County, Kentucky, where he died between July 1786 (date of his will) and 27 February 1787 (date proved). Their children were: (1) Jacob, (2) Peter, (3) Isaac, (4) Mary, (5) Barbara, and (6) John.

(1) Jacob Countryman (Gunterman), Sr., born ca. 1764 in Maryland, married Hannah Stark 29 March 1791, Nelson County, Kentucky, and later went to Illinois. Children:

A. Caleb Ball Gunterman (Gonterman), Sr., born 20 August 1797 Kentucky, died 11 September 1861 Pin Oak Township, Madison County, Illinois, on a farm where he lived all his married life; married Elizabeth Miller, daughter of Michael Miller, Illinois pioneer, who died at advanced age in Waterloo, Illinois. Elizabeth died 28 June 1849. Their son was Caleb Ball Gonterman, Jr., born 1 October 1834; died 23 November 1911; married Lydia Bartlett 22 December 1858, born 16 May 1837. They had four children, three boys and one girl, one of whom was Thomas E. Gonterman.

B. William M. Gonterman was named in his Uncle John Gonterman's will, December 1856, Spencer County, Kentucky.

C. Mary Matilda Gonterman was born 1808 Hopkinsville, Christian County, Kentucky.

(2) Peter Countryman (Gunterman), born ca. 1765-67, married first Elizabeth –?–; married second Mrs. Elizabeth (Rawlings) Hartt 7 March 1797, Nelson County, Kentucky.

(3) Isaac Countryman (Gunterman) married Polly Venner 12 December 1823, Harrison County, Indiana.

(4) Mary Countryman (Gunterman) married James Stark, probably in Kentucky, and went to Spencer County, Indiana.

(5) Barbara Countryman (Gunterman) married Henry Gunterman (probably a distant relative) 31 January 1794 in Kentucky, and went to Spencer County, Indiana.

(6) John Countryman (Gunterman) was born in Nelson County, Kentucky, after his father Capt. Henry Countryman's will was written on 28 July 1786. He never married and died in February 1857 in Spencer County, Kentucky. He named his brother Jacob's son William in his will, and freed and provided for his slaves in his will.

Safe Conduct Pass Issued to Capt. Henry Countryman when he left New Jersey

"To all persons whom it may concern Greetings — These are to certify that Henry Countryman (Gunterman) has ever since our unhappy troubles with Great Britain began appeared very hearty to the American cause and a true friend to the Liberties of Mankind general. Also has acted in our militia as Captain with integrity, applause and to our great regret, he is determined to move to the settlement called Red Stone — therefore these are to desire that all manner of persons may let him and his family move to their habitation without molestation or hinderance — He behaving himself accordingly—given under our hands this 29th of May 1777. Newton, Sussex County, New Jersey. *signed:* John Barber, Judge; Geo. Allen, Esq.; James Davidson, Esq.; Jacob McCollum, Esq.; John McMurtrie, Esq.; John Smyth, Esq.; Samuel Cochindall, Esq.; Saml Kenedy, Junr, Esq.; Philip Doddever, Esq.

"Washington County, Maryland. These may Certify that Captain Henry Gunterman came before me the Judicator, one of the Justices of the peace for said County — and took the oath of fidelity for the state of Maryland and certified his belief in the Christian religion. He came before me this 13th day of Oct. 1777. *signed:* Saml Barritt

"Washington County in the State of Maryland. This is to certify that Captain Henry Gunterman is a freeman of this state and that he hath a call to go to Kentucky and return. All persons are desired to let him pass and repass he behaving himself as an honest man.

"Given under my hand and seal, third day of May 1780. *signed:* Saml Barritt"

Note: Quote from *Survey of American Church Records* by E. Kay Kirkham, Vol II, p. 71: 1780 (about) "Many settlers from Pennsylvania entered Kentucky via Ohio River debarking at Redstone Old Fort (Brownsville, Edmonson Co) on the Monongahela River or at Pittsburgh on down to Limestone (Maysville, Mason Co) and thereafter they went to the interior of Kentucky."

by Mrs. Victor S. Sappenfield

COUNTRYMAN, HENRY & ANNA MARIA BARBARA (RIDENOUR)

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An Update on the Virginia Countrymans

The "Henry Countryman" as mentioned on page 220 of the *Countryman Genealogy* published in 1925 moved from Rockingham County, Virginia, to Highland County, Ohio, about 1801. Prior to living in Rockingham County, Henry and his wife, Anna Maria Barbara Ridenour, lived near Hagerstown, Maryland, where their eldest son, Martin, was born 4 April 1771 and was baptized 19 May 1771 in the Old Salem German Reformed Church. Henry died 20 February 1818 in Highland County, Ohio, and Barbara died sometime after 1820. A number of the early Countrymans are buried in the Countryman Cemetery in Brushcreek Township.

William and James Countryman, sons of Martin and Susan (Cozad) Countryman.

Frank Countryman — World War I — 1917.

Henry and Barbara's children were: Barbara, married John Shoemaker; Martin, married Magdalena Stultz; John, Sr., married Christina Setty; Magdalena Elizabeth, married James Washburn; Catherine, married Leonard Reed; Christine, married Elias Williams; Henry, Jr., married Catherine Miller, and second to Sarah Arnold; Susannah, married Anthony Eater; George, married Mariah Gall; Dollie, married David Welty; and Polly, married –?– Setty.

We are descended from Martin, the eldest son, and Magdalena Stultz. They were married in Virginia 5 January 1795. Magdalena was the daughter of Peter and Peggy Stultz. She was born ca. 1772 in Maryland. Magdalena died in Highland County, Ohio,

6 September 1862 and Martin died 5 April 1861. They lived most of their lives on Beech Flats Road in Perry Township, Pike County, Ohio. This land was a Virginia military land grant received for his services in the War of 1812. The children born to them, as far as we can determine, were: Mary Ann, married Samuel Frye; Elizabeth, never married; Nancy, married Jacob Shoemaker; Margaret, married William Ninemires; Elijah, married Susannah Shoemaker; Sarah, never married; and Catherine, married Christian Hines.

Elijah M., our next generation ancestor, was born 12 February 1806 in Pike County, Ohio, and died in Fruitdale, Ross County, Ohio, 10 January 1901. He was married 1 December 1833 to Susannah Shoemaker (daughter of Samuel Shoemaker and Julia Ann Weaver). Issue: Julia Ann, married Jonathan McLaughlin; Mary Jane, married Seth Shoemaker; Nancy, married William Crabtree; Daniel James, married Eliza Jane Everhart; Martin, married Susan Abbigail Cozad; William, married Mary R. Murphy; Emily, married Francis H. Smith, and second Robert Tillett; Isabel, married Arthur Everhart; and Sarah, married John Kisling.

Elijah's son Martin is our great-grandfather. Martin was born 11 August 1844 in Pike County, Ohio, and died 12 February 1913 in Ross County, Ohio. He is buried at the Pioneer Cemetery in Greenfield, Ohio. Martin married Susan Abbigail Cozad 4 June 1862. She was born in Vinton County, Ohio, 5 January 1849 to Joseph Cozad and Mary Davis. She died 18 October 1927 in Ross County, Ohio. They lived most of their married life in Fruitdale, Ohio. Martin served in the Civil War, Company C 24th Independent Battery Ohio Light Artillery. We still have his sword in the family. Issue: Sarah E., married Joseph Rockhold and moved to Columbus, Ohio; William H., married Nellie Lyle; Archie, never married and died from typhoid fever at 24 years of age; James Milton, married Josephine Lafferty; and two of their children died young.

Our grandfather was James Milton Countryman who was born in Fruitale, Ohio, 16 February 1875. In 1899 he married Josephine Warren Lafferty, who was born 20 July 1881 to John Alfred Heckathorne Lafferty and Mary Catherine Estle in Highland County, Ohio. Issue: Frank George, born 10 February 1900; Dorothy Ella, born 6 July 1904; and Herman James, born 29 April 1911. James moved to Dayton, Ohio, where he died 6 October 1924 and he is buried in Greenfield Ohio Cemetery. Grandma remarried Neff Ali and she died 26 December 1935. Dorothy married Perle Augustus (issue: Marvalene and Robert), and second to Donald Horst, to whom she was married for over 50 years. Herman married Helen Walklett (issue: Patricia and Barbara), and second to Betty –?–.

Frank George is our father. He was married 21 June 1921 to Hazel Esta Osborne (born 16 November 1900 to Phillip George Osborne and Margaret Mae Warner of Good Hope, Ohio). Our mother's family history also appears in this book. Frank and Hazel moved to Dayton, Ohio, after they were married. Issue: Betty June, Robert Frank, Phyllis Marie, Russell James, and Nancy Carol.

Betty June Countryman married Robert Bright and they had four children. (1)Teryl Jeanne married Bill Morris. Issue: Michael Patrick, Matthew Alan, and Shauna Jeanne. (2) Diana June married William Ryon. Issue: Robert Glenn and David William. (3) Robert Lewis married Elsie Marie Bussard. Issue: Zachary Robert and Larissa Marie. (4) Jennifer Lynn married Jeffrey Kuchar. Issue: Jason Andrew. Betty married second to John Raymond Hoffman.

Robert Frank Countryman married Marjorie Lee Staehlin. They have two children. (1) Robin Lee married Thomas Lehman. (2) Jill Lynn married Jeffrey Dickey.

Phyllis Marie Countryman married Kenneth Haught and they have three children. (1) Joyce Elaine married Robert Haupsteck. Issue: Deborah Sue (issue: Sean Paul). Joyce married second to Dale Woodall. (2) William Kenneth married Candace Tesno. Issue: Smokey, Christopher, and Tina. (3) Ronald Dean married Barbara Laut. Issue: Ryan Michael-Kyle.

Russell James Countryman married Elinore Glenna Reichard, and they have two children. (1) Dawn Gay — issue: Joshua Thomas. (2) Brenda Kay married Travis Locke. Issue: Jeremy David.

Nancy Carol Countryman married Donald Charles Blatz and they have two children: (1) Laura Lynn and (2) Kimberly Ann, married to Scott Randolph Webb.

Frank moved to California in 1945 and married Pauline Green. Issue: James William, married Myrna Jean Thomas (issue: Tammy Ann and James Darrell). Frank died in Fallon, Nevada, 21 February 1972.

Although we have more information on the Ohio Countrymans, we tried to tell about our direct line and their families. Our one big question is *Who was Henry's father?* All the information we have says his father was Henry, but which Henry and from what family?

by Betty Countryman Hoffman,
Robert Frank Countryman,
and Nancy Countryman Blatz

COUNTRYMAN, HENRY DANIEL

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Henry Daniel, of Daniel B., of George, of Conradt 1st, of John Frederick.

Henry Daniel Countryman was the second son of Daniel B. Countryman, born November 6, 1785, died February 8, 1858, and his second wife,Mary Fort Countryman, born February 27, 1795. Henry Daniel was born October 27, 1825, and died April 19, 1908. On October 21, 1849, he married Sophronia Briggs, born December 1, 1831, died –?–. Issue: Preston K., born November 24, 1850, married Fannie O. Willey; Mary R., born September 22, 1856, married Leonard Knapp on September 21, 1875; Orville E., born October 3, 1854; Daniel B., born February 2, 1857, died February 8, 1858; Alice Amanda, born November 10, 1858, died September 21, 1912, married October 14, 1875, to Rev. Thomas Talbott Vincent; Alonzo J., born November 21, 1861; Edith C., born September 25, 1863, died August 4, 1865; Evalyn M., born September 1, 1865; Edith A., born November 20, 1867; Martha M., born January 6, 1870; Wilfred E. and Winfred E., born February 6, 1872.

Alice Amanda (Countryman) Vincent, daughter of Henry Daniel Countryman.

Alice Amanda Countryman was born in Hastings, Minnesota, Dakota County. On October 14, 1875, she married Thomas Talbott Vincent. They left Minnesota on the 19th of October for Oregon, going by way of Omaha, Ogden, and San Francisco. From the latter place they went to Oregon on the old *John C. Stevens* , a side-wheel steamer running between San Francisco and Portland, Oregon.

For 37 years she made Oregon her home. Mrs. Vincent was an earnest, faithful Christian, and believed her home to be her realm and cared for it with untiring energy. Her husband was born March 14, 1855, in Allen County, near Lima, Ohio. His parents moved to Lasseur County, Minnesota, in the fall of 1855. He was reared on a farm, went to the University of Minnesota, and at a college in Indianapolis, Indiana. In 1875 his parents sold out and moved to Oregon and he came, too, bringing his bride.

He taught school ten years, then was elected county superintendent of schools for Washington County. In 1888 he felt the call of the ministry upon him and was licensed by the quarterly conference of the Evangelical Association as an exhorter and licensed to preach by that denomintaion from 1891 to 1896. Owing to financial losses caused by the panic of 1893, he resigned his field and took a small mail contract in King's Valley, Oregon, until 1902, farming and teaching at the same time with the help of his sons. In 1902 he was elected Benton County recorder of conveyances for four years; in 1908 was elected county clerk of the same county for two years. In 1905 he transferred his ministerial relationship to the Presbyterian Church serving in Gervais and Woodburn, Oregon. He passed away March 14, 1913, surviving his wife by six months. Alice A. died September 21, 1912. They both are buried in Belle Passe Cemetery in Woodburn, Oregon.

Issue, nine children: Ida May (Vincent) Mathany, Ralph Oliver Vincent, Clarence Cornelius Vincent, Ira Lester Vincent, Jesse Edgar Vincent (1888–1898), Pearl Elnora (Vincent) Stevens, Elsie D. (Vincent) Williams, Chester Leon Vincent, and Vivian Izeta (Vincent) Turner.

by Vivian Sayles

COUNTRYMAN, HENRY DANIEL & SOPHRONIA (BRIGGS)

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Henry Daniel Countryman (1823–1908), son of Daniel B. and Mary (Fort) Countryman. He eventually moved from New York to Minnesota, where he was a farmer.

Sophronia (Briggs) Countryman, wife of Henry Daniel. She was born 21 December 1831, probably in New York.

Henry Daniel, of Daniel B., of George, of Conradt.

New information gained from two letters written in July 1982 to Grace Countryman Barth and translated by Ruth Countryman Mock, from a German genealogist, found in a registry book in an Enzberg, Germany, church book these entries:

Johann (Hans) Frederich Guntermann b. ca. 1664; wife, Maria Barbara (nee) Simon, b. ca. 1658. Children born in Enzberg, Germany, were: Hans Georg Guntermann, b. 28 July 1698; Georg Cunradt Guntermann, b. 30 January 1701; Magdalena Barbara Guntermann, b. 24 November 1703, d. 30 September 1707; Anna Catharina Guntermann, b. 22 April 1706; Hans Frederich Guntermann, b. 13 October 1708.

This family, as well as many other families, fled their homeland as the armies of France burned and pillaged the Rhine Region. An unusually cold winter that killed orchards, birds, people, etc., also contributed to their leaving as ecclesiastical regulations made life unbearable. They fled through Holland to England seeking ships to bring them to a new country, America. They found life hard here, too, but there was now the freedom to live as they desired. Other children born in the new country were: Anna Eva Cuntermann, b. 12 April 1713, Andreas, and Jacob Contermann, b. 12 August 1716. The name must have been changed after their arrival in the new country — to take a new name.

My line descends through Georg Cunradt Guntermann, now called by the name of Conradt Countreman. He lived in Canjoharie District, New York, later moving to Minton, New York. He married Maria Margaretha, born ca. 1698, prior to 1719; died prior to May 6, 1777. In ca. 1731, he received 666⅓ acres as part of 2000 acres purchased by him and two other families. The had purchased it from the Indians and also received a deed from King George II. Some of his land was situated where Fort Willit was built.

George Countryman, born ca. 1738; died 1809; married in Minden, Christina Elizabeth — or Elizabeth Christina Diefendorf, born ca. 1748, died 1811. George was commissioned as a lieutenant in the Revolutionary War 4 March 1780. He served in the 1st Regiment in Jacob Diefendorf's Company, Col. Clyde's Regiment of Tyron County, and in 1798 became a Captain of Militia. They lived on a farm.

Daniel B. Countryman was born 11 November 1785 in New York and died in 1864 in Minnesota. He married a second time, probably the latter part of 1820, to Mary Fort, born 27 February 1795, died 5 October 1855.

Henry *Daniel* Countryman, born 27 October 1823, died 19 April 1908 in Minnesota, married Sophronia Briggs, born 21 December 1831 probably in New York. They moved to Minnesota where they took up farming.

Alice Amanda Countryman, born 10 November 1858 in Hastings, Minnesota, died 12 September 1912 in Woodburn, Oregon. She married 15 October 1858 to Thomas Talbott Vincent of Dakota County, Minnesota. As he was still a minor, he had to have the consent of his father, A.H. Vincent. They were married in the Methodist parsonage, and it was witnessed by Orville Countryman and Nancy Vincent. Thomas and Alice left for Oregon on 19 October of the same year. Alice was loved and respected by her young friends for her unselfish disposition and lovable ways. It was like a death knell to her parents, brothers and sisters to say "Goodbye." She was moving so far away — to Oregon!

Alice and Thomas, along with his folks who had sold their farm and were moving to Oregon, left Minnesota, going by way of Omaha, Nebraska; Ogden, Utah; and San Francisco, California, and into Oregon on the old steamer *John C. Stevens* , a side-wheeler running from San Francisco to Portland.

byVivian E. Sayles

COUNTRYMAN, HENRY II & LAURA M. (BLAKE)

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Dora Gertrude (Countryman) Smith Koch, born in 1870, daughter of Henry and Laura (Blake) Countryman. Probably taken at Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois.

Henry, of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

The parents of Henry Countryman were Heinrich and Catharina (Dockstader) Countryman. He was born 6 November 1844, probably in Vernon Township, Lake County, Illinois, after the family arrived from Herkimer County, New York, via barge on the Erie Canal and a side-wheel steamer on the Great Lakes.

In the 1850s, as a small boy, he moved with his family across the county line into Wheeling Township, Cook County, to another farm. In 1860 Henry, age 16, was employed as a laborer. In 1867 the family moved to Yorktown Township, Henry County. They were members of the Evangelical Association church.

In Yorktown he met and married Laura M. Blake on 23 September 1869. Laura was born

in May 1850 in Illinois to parents who were natives of the East.

To Henry and Laura were born two daughters, Dora Gertrude and Ida M. Countryman. Dora was born in May 1870 in Yorktown. Her first husband was a Mr. Smith. Sometime between May of 1907 and July of 1908 her second marriage was to a Mr. Koch. They resided in Willisville, Perry County, Illinois.

Ida M. was born in October 1875, also in Yorktown. She was married 15 October 1899 in Henry County to Bert E. Perkins. In 1900 they were renting a house at 509 Butler Street, Peoria, Illinois, and Bert was employed as an insurance agent. In 1908 they were residing at 1606 N. Adams Street, Peoria; and at one time they also resided at 3517 Madison Avenue. Their three known daughters were Alberta M. (born 1903), Cleta M. (born 1905), and Merna M. (born 1907). Another child had died before 1910. By 1910 the family had moved 18 miles north to Agard or Agaril Street, Wyoming, Essex Township, Stark County, Illinois. Here Bert had his own business as a general painter. In 1908 a Frank Thomas of Wyoming claimed to have known Ida for more than ten years as she had been employed as his housekeeper for several years. This was probably before her marriage. Bert was born in September 1877. His father was also born in Illinois; his mother, a native of Iowa.

In 1870 no occupation, real estate or personal property values were listed for their father Henry. In the 1877 Henry County history, Henry is shown as a farmer in Section 28 of Yorktown Township, Annawan post office, a Republican, and a member of the Evangelical Church. His last appearance was on his father's estate settlement papers. On 12 December 1879, the apparent day of the estate auction, Henry was paid $25.00 for hauling the grain to market. His last known address was Cambridge, Henry County, Illinois.

Probably by 1880 Henry and Laura were divorced. Henry disappeared and was not heard from again. At the time of the 1880 census Ida, age four, was residing with her divorced grandmother Lydia Blake, age 59; her uncle Martin, age 21; and her aunt Lenora L. (later Hughes), age 15, in Yorktown Township.

In 1900 Laura M. Countryman was residing with her daughter Ida and new son-in-law, Bert E. Perkins, in Peoria. Sometime before October 1907 Laura married a second time to a Mr. Stone and was residing in Peoria in 1907.

by Lorraine Weick

COUNTRYMAN, HIGHLY HOWARD

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Highly, of Claude, of William Edward, of Isiah, of George.

Highly Howard Countryman, known as Highly, was born on August 25, 1917. He was an active sports participant. His strongest interest was in basketball, although he did play baseball, also. He obtained a diploma from Galveston High School and Business College of Kokomo, Indiana. He served in World War II and attained the title of sergeant major in the army.

He was well known in the business world and was a senior accountant for Shell Oil Company for 42 years before retiring.

Highly married Anna Lou Sleeth on March 20, 1949. Unto Highly and Ann were born two children, William and Andrew.

Highly is the son of Claude and Gertrude (Highly) Countryman, the grandson of William Edward Countryman, the great-grandson of Isiah and Sarah (Crull) Countryman, and great-great-grandson of George and Mariah (Gall) Countryman.

William Sleeth Countryman, the first son of Highly and Ann (Sleeth) Countryman, is known as Bill. After high school he received further training at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, and became a captain in the Marines. He served two tours of duty in Beirut, Lebanon, and one tour in Grenada. His phase of duty was helicopter pilot. He is now out of the service and attending seminary.

Andrew Countryman is the second son of Highly and Ann (Sleeth) Countryman. During high school he was interested in track, cross-country track, and journalism. He graduated from Indiana University with the highest scholastic honor possible, the Phi Beta Kappa. His present interest is being a sports journalist.

The above information was obtained through interview with Ann (Sleeth) Countryman.

by Jo Benjamin

COUNTRYMAN, HORACE

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1824 - 1898

Horace, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Horace Countryman, the eldest son of Peter and Margaret (Nicholas) Countryman, was born September 8, 1824, at Cleveland, Ohio. He moved to Janesville, Wisconsin, just north of the Illinois line, as a young man in 1844. He farmed there and, more important to his future, operated a grist mill. He married Elizabeth Payne on April 22, 1850, and began raising a family of two sons, Daniel and Henry, and four daughters, Margaret, Lizzie, Rebecca, and Rosie.

The West beckoned in 1852. Like many another young man seeking opportunity, he trekked with his growing family across the plains to Marysville on the Yuba River in the heart of California's gold country. He did not, however, devote himself to mining. Rather, he drew upon his experience in flour milling to develop his skills as a millwright, which were much needed both for grinding grain and processing metal ores.

In about 1857 he returned with his family by way of Panama to Wadena, Fayette County, Iowa, where his father, Peter, had built a house and sawmill on the south side of the Volga River. He, Horace, then built a grist mill on the north side of the river and operated it until 1861, when he captained a wagon train and led the entire family on his second trip across the plains to the gold fields near Marysville, California.

Horace moved his family to Virginia City, Montana, in 1866 where new mines being opened offered rich rewards for a millwright and experienced contractor. They stayed there for six years.

During this time, the partnership of Harrison and Countryman completed the Virginia City Masonic Temple at the cost of more than $20,000.00 in time for its dedication during the 1867 holiday season. Its stone construction was unusual in that the granite used was quarried and hauled some 70 miles.

As one of the few really substantial men in town, there is a suspicion he might have played a role in public education in 1868 and 1869. The reason for thinking Countryman might have had something to do with the school in Philipsburg, Montana, is that the teacher employed during the winter of 1868–69 was his daughter Lizzie. Lizzie Countryman unquestionably was the first public school teacher in Philipsburg, although the number of pupils enrolled is uncertain. Philipsburg was not yet much of a family town.

The Countrymans' involvement in Philipsburg ended in 1870. Lizzie moved to Missoula, Montana, in July to teach the school there, later marrying Frank Woody, the Missoula pioneer, in December 1871. Then Horace Countryman's wife, Elizabeth, died suddenly in Deer Lodge on September 29, 1870, and was buried in the new cemetery "across the river."

After the death of his wife, Countryman moved to Missoula with his daughter Lizzie. He then took a contract to build a grist mill at the Jocko Agency for the benefit of the Flathead Indians and was employed there for the next several years.

He moved again in 1874, this time a hundred miles east of Bozeman with his daughter Margaret and her husband, Frank Quinn. There they took up ranches on the north side of the Yellowstone River, opposite the mouth of the Stillwater. All of Montana east of Bozeman was Indian territory at that time. South of the Yellowstone River was the Crow reservation; everything else was "unceded" Indian territory, neither in a reservation nor open to white settlement. But it couldn't last, and Countryman and Quinn dared to be the leaders!

The Sioux were becoming restless in 1875. Gold miners were forcing their way into the Black Hills, contrary to the Treaty of Laramie of 1868; Montana miners were entering the Crow reservation on the head of the Yellowstone; and cattlemen, including Countryman and Quinn, were casting covetous eyes on the rich grasslands between the Yellowstone and Missouri rivers.

There was apprehension for the safety of Countryman and a Missoula friend named Norton in July 1875 when Sioux raiders attacked a party of woodchoppers near the mouth of the Stillwater. Both escaped, however, after separating and making their ways back to Bozeman under cover of darkness.

The following April, General John Gibbon led detachments from Fort Ellis, near Bozeman, down the Yellowstone past Countryman's ranch, in the three-pronged attack that was planned to force the Sioux back to their reservation; but before Gibbon could rendezvous with forces under Crook coming from

Wyoming and Terry pushing up the Yellowstone from the east, the Seventh Cavalry under Custer was wiped out at the Battle of the Little Big Horn on June 25, 1876.

Again, Horace Countryman had a role to play in Montana history! General Terry, after inspecting Custer's battlefield, prepared his dispatches to the War Department on June 27 or 28 and entrusted them to a civilian scout known as "Muggins" Taylor to take to the nearest telegraph office, which just happened to be at Bozeman. Noting Taylor's exhausted condition, Countryman volunteered to bring the news to Washington.

But when Countryman, on a foam-flecked horse, dashed into Bozeman, he found the government wire down and useless. There was nothing to do but continue on to Helena. Securing a fresh mount, Countryman scurried away, and arrived in Helena about noon on the Fourth of July, "all in" and fairly fainting from the exhaustion of his long ride.

It was about 12 o'clock noon that Andrew J. Fisk left his home and went down to see if there was anything of news importance to wire the Associated Press. Idly sitting in his office, talking with some friends, he was suddenly startled by the appearance of a dusty, begrimed rancher who fairly tumbled from his saddle in front of the *Herald* building, staggered up the steps, and reeled into Fisk's office. It was Horace Countryman. As he dropped into a chair, Fisk sprang to his side, exclaiming, "Countryman, old friend, what in God's name is the matter? What has happened?"

Countryman could but gasp in reply, "Custer's command all wiped out on the Little Big Horn by the Sioux."

Fisk was horror-struck, but grasping immediately the vital importance of the news he said, "Have you told anybody about it, except we folks here in this office?"

"Not a soul," whispered Countryman, with a shake of the head.

"Boys," exclaimed Fisk, turning to his friends, "not a word of this on the street to anybody. This is the bigest scoop of the year!" Turning to Countryman, he added, "Come into my private office and give me the details as you have them."

Fisk then hurried into his own private office, where Countryman had revived himself with food, and then closing the door, the newspaperman began to take down in longhand the thrilling recitals of the battle as conveyed to Countryman by "Muggins" Taylor, the scout. Countryman dictated rapidly and fluently.

By the time the *Herald* extra was on the street, it came over Fisk that the important part of his duty was not yet accomplished, and he made a bee-line for the Western Union Telegraph office where the manager, W.E. Fredrick, dropped everything he was sending over the wires and gave Fisk a clear wire to Washington to spread the tidings in the East. It was not until the afternoon of the 5th, however, that the couriers from the battlefield arrived in Bismarck and official notification was sent to the government.

To Andrew J. Fisk, therefore, went the credit of having given to the public the first news of the greatest tragedy of Indian warfare on the plains — due to the pluck and endurance of Horace Countryman.

In the spring (1880) W.H. Norton and Horace Countryman built a log trading store, stoutly built with loopholes for protection if needed, to trade with the Crow Indians where the ranch of Walter Quinn then stood, and moved to Columbus in 1880 where Horace Countryman, in the winter of 1880–81, built the old log hotel.

Countryman was chief of the town of Stillwater. The big log hotel belonged to him; the toll road, the ferry boat, and the Ed Culver Saloon which he bought, all brought him revenue of hundreds of dollars weekly. The toll road one day brought him over 300 dollars and the nightly poker game was worth from 65 to 75 dollars, and Horace didn't have to play for it — the hole in the table won. Meals at the hotel were fifty cents; he ran that, too. And talk about dances, why in that old hotel during the winter months the cowboys had the time of their lives, dancing; and men and girls came from Big Timber, Livingston, and Bozeman to attend dances and enjoy the big feast.

Horace died at his Columbus home January 15, 1898, at the age of 74 and was buried at his own request in Deer Lodge.

His children were: Margaret, born August 29, 1844, at Cleveland, Ohio, died March 9, 1905; Daniel, born October 6, 1846, at Janesville, Wisconsin, died January 9, 1910; Lizzie, born January 6, 1853, Yuba City, California; Henry, born in Deer Lodge in 1867, died in Columbus, Montana, in 1893; Rebecca, born September 2, 1861, in a covered wagon while enroute from Iowa to California, died at her home in Fishtail, Montana, August 22, 1931; and Rosie, died in infancy.

This story has taken more space, but I feel it is most worthy of being told. A good part of it is common history within our own family, with parts and dates from the *Philipsburg Mail* , Dan Meschter of "Flint Chips," *Troopers With Custer* by E.A. Brininstool, and *They Gazed on the Beartooths* by Jim Annin, a pictorial and historical story of Stillwater County, Montana.

Jim Annin, a personal friend, was former editor of the *Columbus Times* and editor of the tri-volume *They Gazed on the Beartooths* . Jim Annin passed away in May 1984. I am proud to say that I now have in my possession his complete file on Horace Countryman, a man whom Jim knew and respected most highly.

A book could be written on the accomplishments of Horace Countryman, this outstanding frontiersman.

by Ardell Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, HORACE "HAUD" AND ESTELLA (TWOGOOD)

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Horace, of Lewis, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Horace "Haud" Countryman, son of Lewis and Sarah (–?–) Countryman, was born June 9, 1870, at Stylesville, Davis County, Iowa.

His parents resided there until about 1877, when the three brothers, Dennis, Andrew J., and Lewis, moved to Ida County, about ten miles southeast of Battle Creek, Iowa, on the Soldier River. They established homes there all within a half mile of each other. In about 1883 he moved with his parents, along with his two uncles, Andrew J. and Dennis, to the area later to be called Moville, Woodbury County, Iowa.

Haud married Estella Twogood, daughter of Sydney and Katherine Twogood, who was born November 1, 1873, in Floyd County, Iowa. They were married January 11, 1894, at Moville, Iowa, where they were members of the Evangelical Church.

They resided on a part of the farm his father, Lewis, homesteaded in Rutland Township, Woodbury County, Iowa, for ten years before moving to the Randolph, Nebraska, area in 1904.

by Ardell Countryman

Their home place, on which they farmed for 36 years, was located eight miles north of Randolph. Dad added a big barn and hog house to the farm which already had a large house and corn crib. He made most of his money by raising hogs, but also had some chickens and cattle. His crops were made up of corn, oats, and alfalfa.

Dad and Mother had six children in their family: three daughters, Mrs. Erma Hensley of Modesto, California (deceased), Mrs. Irene Thies of Randolph, Nebraska, and Mrs. Ruth Wingett of Norfolk, Nebraska; and two sons, Harold of Marysville, Washington, and Leonard of Salem, Oregon (deceased). One son, Kenneth, died in infancy.

I taught school three miles from our home. I rode a horse the first couple of years, then bought a new black roadster. Ruth also taught country school in the Randolph area.

Dad enjoyed reading in his spare time, along with playing cribbage. Mother spent many hours in the garden, cooking, sewing, and caring for the children. Every Sunday we had company or went to visit relatives and neighbors. Arch Bacons, Charlie Bacons and Will Lienbaugh came over quite frequently. Their wives were Mother's cousins. The men played horseshoes and cards, but the women were never included.

We always had to make ice cream in the winter and always a lot of popcorn. We went from home to Coleridge and from there to Sioux City on the train. From there, we continued to Correctionville, Iowa, to visit all the Twogood cousins. We also attended reunions in Iowa for 40 years.

Mother and Dad retired from the farm in 1940 and moved to Randolph where Al Brandls presently reside. Mother passed away August 25, 1960, after a lengthy illness at the age of 86. Dad passed away on May 13, 1962, after spending a few months in the Coleridge Nursing Home. He was 91. They were members of the Methodist Church. Both are interred in the Randolph City Cemetery.

by Irene (Countryman) Thies
submitted by Eileen Thies

Following is the genealogical history of the Horace and Estella (Twogood) Countryman family, as prepared by Ila Bacon in about 1975:

Kenneth, born April 26, 1896, died September 14, 1898.

Harold, born January 18, 1898, was married to Lily Elsberry, born February 26, 1903. She died September 1970. Two children. *Dallas Dwain* , born April 21, 1924,

married Ellen Thompson, born May 26, 1924. One child, Mary Ellen, born June 11, 1946. Divorced; married Helen Erickson. Three children, Shela Rae, born December 31, 1958; Mark Allen, born September 29, 1960; Kevin Neal, born August 30, 1963. *Darrell* , born November 6, 1928., married Marion Campbell on May 10, 1953. Two children: Dana Neal, born November 11, 1954; and Sherene, born February 12, 1957.

Erma M., born July 10, 1901, married February 12, 1930, to Cecil Hensley, born March 16, 1905. Erma died February 1975 at Modesto, California. They had three children. *Dwight Farrell* , born November 5, 1931, married January 29, 1955, to Joan Statts. One child, Kenneth Scott, born November 27, 1955. *Donna Mardell* , born January 20, 1934, married L. Ronald Clark on August 9, 1958. Divorced. Married Mike Mansfield, who died in 1970. Married Lowell Sawyer in 1971. *Myla June* , born September 15, 1936, married Robert Dunn, born November 22, 1931. Two children, Cynthia Kim, born April 9, 1956; and Kathy, born 1954.

Irene, born April 12, 1904, married Fred Thies, born May 3, 1895. Irene passed away June 4, 1986, at Randolph, Nebraska. Five children. *Richard Eldon* , born April 16, 1927, married Eileen Smizer, born May 19, 1929. Six children: Vonnie, born June 30, 1950, married Richard Arens August 7, 1971 (three children — Abigale, October 29, 1973; Erick, August 8, 1976; Chad, August 31, 1983); Janice Marie, born May 16, 1953, married Patrick Kaiser, divorced, married Dick Hoile in April 1982; Billie Richard, born April 27, 1955; Bradley Stevens, born October 28, 1957, died December 30, 1971; Martin Howard, born July 4, 1962; Theresa, born January 1, 1965. *Elaine Maxine* , born October 26, 1928, married Howard Huffstod on September 25, 1953. Five children: Marlyn Ann, born February 8, 1955; Nancy Lynn, born March 26, 1956; Diane Marie, born January 30, 1957; Norma Jannette, born March 19, 1960; and Rodrick Fredrick, born March 26, 1963. *Dale Kenneth* , born June 25, 1931, married Bernadine Kiefer on April 21, 1952. Divorced. Married Ruth Ruetter on May 25, 1958. Three children: Ricky Dale, born March 6, 1959; Cindy Ruth, born November 23, 1963; and Terry Lea, born February 3, 1966. *Donald Gene* , born October 22, 1934, married Ann Marie Moes on April 4, 1959. Six children: Gregory Gene, born March 27, 1960; Deborah Ann, born May 2, 1961; Christine Marie, born August 9, 1962; Steven Daniel, born January 24, 1964; Jeffery Donald, born March 19, 1965; and Lisa Marie, born April 5, 1967. *Larry Dean* , born August 16, 1945, married Nancy Rhode on November 10, 1964. Five children: Connie Marie, born April 5, 1967; Robert, born April 17, 1971; Troy, born April 15, 1974; Brian Joseph, born April 1, 1975; and Danny, born March 1979.

Ruth, born March 27, 1909, married Howard Wingett on May 3, 1930. Two children. *Shirley* , born March 3, 1936, married Edward Kruger. Five children: Cathy, born May 21, 1952; Bruce, born June 9, 1953, married Debra Wragge July 21, 1973; Cynthia Ann, born December 31, 1954, married James Throwere September 29; Carla Marie, born May 12, 1959; and Gregory Robert, born February 6, 1965. *Stanley* , born July 15, 1941, married Carol Ann Seyl on December 25, 1960. Divorced. Children: Wesley Dean, born September 9, 1961; Brian; Marty Jay, born June 17, 1965. Divorced. Married Lee Ann Clark in 1971; daughter Tanja born April 18, 1972.

Leonard, born July 27, 1911, died April 1973, married Marjorie Meirose. Two children. *Robert L.* , born December 3, 1939, married Karen Edith Lobec on November 26, 1959. Children: Kevin Lewis, born November 6, 1961; Mark Allen, born October 11, 1964. *David* , born January 24, 1942, married Susan Jane Dow on April 11, 1963. Children: Kimberly Denise, born October 22, 1964; and Brent David, born July 29, 1965.

by Ila Bacon

COUNTRYMAN, HORACE & ELIZABETH (PAYNE)

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Horace Countryman.

Horace, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Horace Countryman, born September 8, 1924, in Cayahega County, Ohio, married Elizabeth Payne, born December 16, 1829, in Gratiota's Grove, Wisconsin Territory. They were married on April 22, 1850, at Monroe, Queen County, Wisconsin. Their children were: Charles Henry, born April 4, 1851, at Decatur, Wisconsin; Sarah Elizabeth, born January 6, 1853, in Yuba City, California; Joseph Elliot, born August 28, 1857, in Fayette County, Iowa; Rose Ann, born October 2, 1859, in Fayette County, Iowa; Josephine Rebecca, born September 2, 1861, in Sierra County, California. These are recorded in a family Bible. There was also a Daniel whose dates are not given. Horace Countryman died at Columbus, Montana, on January 15, 1898, and is buried at Deer Lodge beside his wife.

Possibly the two most notable in this Countryman family were Horace and his daughter Sarah Elizabeth (commonly called Lizzie).

Horace Countryman is somewhat bigger than life compared to many who came west. He led at least two wagon trains safely across the plains. One account was written by his younger brother, Andrew, in "A Pioneer's Trip Across the Plains", written in 1861 and reproduced elsewhere in this book. Another account is in Elizabeth's reminiscences from the time she was born in Yuba County, California, in 1853. They returned from California about 1856 by way of the Isthmus of Panama. Her brother Henry had been born in 1851 in Wisconsin, she in 1853 in California, Joseph in 1857 in Iowa, accounting for one round trip. Rose Ann was born in 1859 in Iowa and Josephine Rebecca in Sierra County in California, accounting for another round trip. Horace married Elizabeth Payne in Monroe, Wisconsin, about 1850. She was widely known and loved.

Elizabeth's diary, in its original hand and tied with blue ribbon, is in the University of California library, on loan from Mary Elizabeth Woody of Arcadia, California. It is an account of a vacation trip from Phillipsburg, Montana, to Salt Lake to visit friends. His wife, Elizabeth, went with Horace on all his ventures. On the wagon trains she was felt to be the mother of all, and was trusted by many of the travelers to keep their money. They had the six children named on page 93 of the 1925 *Countryman Genealogy* . She died suddenly in Phillipsburg, Montana, likely of a heart attack.

In the pamphlet "Unsung Hero" by Jim Annin is the account of how Horace brought the news of the Custer massacre out to the world by way of the *Helena Herald* , first of anyone. He rode day and night to get it there on July 4th. The lines to the East were down, so the news was sent by way of Salt Lake City.

Horace built stamp mills to crush quartz for extracting gold in Nevada and Montana and made a good living for his family. He was generous with family and friends, so was not wealthy but well off when he died. He had owned a ferry, a toll road, a toll bridge, taverns, a hotel, and gave his daughter a fine wedding in Missoula.

by Helen C. Woody

COUNTRYMAN, HUBERT HOLLY

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The Alabama Countrymans — Hubert, of Thomas Alva, of George W.S.

Hubert Holly Countryman was born 2 October 1890 and died 24 September 1929. He was married 3 April 1918 at Evergreen, Alabama, to Willie Mae Wright, daughter of James Harrington Wright and Rosetta Cook, born 16 August 1891 at Pineapple, Alabama, died 25 September 1979, Fairhope, Alabama. Both are buried at Owassa, Alabama. They had four children:

Hubert Hagood was born 8 May 1921 at Owassa, Alabama. He was married in October 1945 to Nita Richardson, born 12 December 1918, died October 1982. They were divorced in 1966; no issue.

Eflon Maxine was born 11 July 1922 at Leffion, Alabama. She married first Attilo (Herman) Ruffo; divorced. Issue: Sydney Vincent, born 25 June 1942, Mobile, Alabama. Maxine married second Donald William Roth; divorced. Issue: Donald Hubert,

born 21 January 1945, Battles Wharf, Alabama. Maxine married third Carl L. Holland, born 14 August 1894 at Chapman, Nebraska, died 2 December 1966. His son by a previous marriage, Robert C., lives in Washington, D.C. Sydney Vincent Ruffo married Fay Marshall (born December 1945) on 15 January 1962. Issue: Phyllis Angelic, born 19 March 1963 (married Scott Wigle on 30 March 1981; divorced; issue — Timothy, born 29 August 1982); Anthony Vincent, born 9 June 1969, Ft. Walton, Florida; and Cynthia, born 10 October 1972, Montgomery, Alabama. Donald Hubert Roth married first Winnie Wood Matheny; divorced. He married second Diane Pate, born August 1948, Darlington, South Carolina, daughter of Ben Pate and Virginia Kinsy. They were married at Florence, South Carolina, 8 May 1976. Issue: Benjamin, born 16 March 1977, Florence, South Carolina; Daniel, born 25 July 1978, Georgetown, South Carolina; and Phillip Joel, born 28 December 1981, Florence, South Carolna.

Francis Lynda was born 19 April 1924 at Garland, Alabama. She married James Monroe Reedy (born West Virginia) in 1944; divorced. Issue: James Michael, born 17 January 1945, Albany, Georgia. James married first Diane Antinarella on 6 August 1971; divorced. Issue: Jeffrey Scott, born 17 December 1973. James married second Belinda L. (Lowe) Chestnut on 3 August 1984. She had two daughters by a previous marriage: Michelle Chestnut, born 12 June 1978; and Marie Chestnut, born 2 December 1979. F. Lynda (Countryman) Reedy died 14 January 1982 at Mobile, Alabama, and is buried in Fairhope Memory Gardens, Fairhope, Alabama.

Altha Fay was born 20 January 1928 at Garland, Alabama. She married and later divorced Stanley M. Miller. Issue: Karen, born 16 August 1955, San Diego, California (married and divorced Richard Galabadon; issue — Cory, born 15 September 1972); Stanley M., Jr., born 4 February 1958, San Bernardino, California; Joanna, born 22 November 1959, England; Donna Michelle, born 19 December 1960, England; Gloria, born 5 August 1964, Shreveport, Louisiana; Jenifer, born 19 April 1969, Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Kelly, born 14 March 1971, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

by Maxine Holland

Mark Ward and Ida Irene (Irvine) Countryman on their wedding day, September 5, 1906, in Casper, Wyoming.

The Old Sweet Water Bridge in 1966, before it was replaced in the same year. The bridge could be seen from the large picture windows of the Drift Fence Ranch.

COUNTRYMAN, IDA IRENE (IRVINE)

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The Wyoming Countrymans — Ida, wife of Mark Ward, of Charles Raynor.

Well-Known Pioneer, Ida Countryman, Dies Sunday at Bishop Randall Hospital

Ida Irene Countryman, 87, well-known pioneer woman of Sweetwater, died Sunday, July 7, 1974, at Bishop Randall Hospital. She was the widow of Mark Countryman who preceded her in death in 1947.

Funeral services are Wednesday, July 10, at 2 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church. The Rev. William Cross will officiate and burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery under the direction of the Henry Mortuary.

Those wishing to do so may contribute to the Cancer Fund or the Heart Fund in memory of Mrs. Countryman. Contributions may be sent or taken to the Henry Mortuary.

She is survived by sons, Francis Countryman of Sweetwater and John Countryman of Lyons Valley; a foster son, Stanley Irvine of Atlantic City; daughters, Dorothy Kimball of Riverton, Margaret Hart of Lander, Anna Caffall of Salt Lake City, Utah, Virginia Bingham of Salt Lake City, and Truth Borgogno of Stockton, Utah; 16 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and two great, great grandchildren.

Mrs. Countryman was the daughter of Francis James Irvine and Rose Amelia Gallup Irvine. Some time ago she wrote the history of her life as follows:

"The story of my life is soon told. To begin with, I was born 10 miles south of Gering, Nebraska, on March 5, 1887. My parents had settled there in 1885 and taken up land. The family consisted of three older brothers, myself and two younger brothers. A sister and a brother had died before I was born. Now I am the only one left.

"My folks had lived in Wisconsin before coming to Nebraska. Every year my father planted fields of grain, corn and a garden. Due to the drought the crops would wither and die about mid-July. Sometimes there would be a half crop. So father decided to leave and go West.

"We left June 11, 1898, for the Medicine Bow Mountains in Wyoming where there was work making ties. We travelled by horses and wagons, camping out each night. When we reached the tie camp my father and brothers went right to work.

"We had a nice camping place near a spring, a large tent to cook and live in. I can still remember what a good time my two younger brothers and I had playing in the pines, picking wild strawberries in the little meadows. We saw many bear tracks in the damp ground but didn't see any bears.

"About September 1 father decided to

Countryman and Irvine families, 1919, at Drift Fence Ranch on North Fork of Little Wind River, Ft. Washakie, Wyoming. Mark Countryman, holding Virginia; Ida, holding Annie; Dorothy; Margaret; Edna Irvine, holding Raynor; Kenneth and Marjorie in front of Edna; Dudley Irvine; Manuel (Hoot) on knee; Francis Countryman; Douglas and Helen Irvine.

move to Saratoga to winter and so the two younger boys and I could go to school. That was a cold snowy winter. In the spring father took a contract to build four miles of ditch, which was finished by July 1. In those days such work was done with horse drawn scrapers and plows.

"Hearing there was land in Oregon for settlement, we started out. That was an enjoyable summer. All the streams were full of fish so when a nice camping place was found we would stay two or three days to fish and so the horses could rest.

"My mother would bake bread and pies and wash clothes. I was 12 by then and helped. We travelled into Idaho. It was so dry and dusty as there had been no moisture. We all got sore eyes from the dust, the horses too. So my brothers decided to turn back and go into Nebraska, much to my father's displeasure.

"When we had come to within 35 miles of Casper, we met a man who said there was good land to take up on the Platte River. So we stopped there. We lived in a good log house. My brothers trapped wolves and coyotes. At that time there were many grey wolves and a good bounty was paid on them.

"My younger brothers and I went to school at a ranch house about four miles away. We drove one horse hitched to a cart as it was too far to walk.

"Next spring my brothers took up desert claims 15 miles south of Alcova where they built up a cattle herd. My mother and we kids moved to Alcova every winter for six months of school. Several other families moved in for school. There were always parties and dances and people came from quite a distance to attend them. Cowboys from Sand Creek, Sweetwater and Bates Creek.

"In December of 1904 I attended Teachers Institute in Casper and secured a second grade teachers certificate which entitled one to teach. For two years I taught at Poison Spider, Bates Creek and Pathfinder. It was at a Christmas dance in 1903 that I met Mark Countryman. We liked to dance together but it was more than a year before he found an excuse to call on me. From then on we went steady until we were married in Casper on September 5, 1906.

"He and his brother Charley had built a new log house on their father's ranch near Split Rock. We lived there for six years as Mark had the mail contract to Alcova. Out two oldest children were born there. We spent several summers on the homestead on Green Mountain. In 1912 Mr. Countryman sold the ranch to Lon Claytor and Mark sold the homestead to Jack Grieves and the cattle the Donald Beaton. So we had to look for another location. We wintered in Alcova where Margaret was born.

"In June we started for Lander to look at ranches for sale. Nothing seemed to suit Mark and his Father so we waited for land sale on the Indian Reservation. They bought several tracts of land.

"It was too late in the fall to build living quarters so a house was rented and we wintered in Lander. In the spring we moved to the land six miles west of Fort Washakie. This was our home for 30 years.

"We accumulated a nice herd of cattle and were really dismayed when the government took away our grazing rights. This had been our home so many years that it was hard to leave. Six of our children were born here. We sold the ranches to the government for less than half of their value.

"Then we bought Dan Hudson's ranch on the Sweetwater in 1942 where we have been in the cattle business ever since.

"There have been many happy days in my long life and many sad ones. Mark died very suddenly on February 5, 1947.

"Manuel and Isobel died from long, lingering illnesses, two grandsons died in their early manhood. This is why a long life isn't so desirable — one has to part from so many loved ones. Presently I am blessed by having five daughters, two sons, 16 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, two great great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews."

Letter written by Ida Countryman

"I saw your letter in Cappers Weekly and it brought back childhood memories. My folks lived on a dry farm 10 miles from Gering where my 2 younger brothers and myself were born. I was 6 when my youngest brother was born, July 1893. My 4 year old brother and I were taken to a neighbors ¼ mile away to spend the day. My father went for Mrs. Hite, midwife. Something went wrong and father sent a rider to get the Dr., who was Dr. Georgia Fix. I remember seing her drive up and then soon away. Then father came for us and told us we had a new baby brother. That was our first time to be away from home — a long day. Those were hard times in Neb. and there was no money for Dr. Bills. That day father had given the Dr. a glass of wine made from wild grapes, so she told him she wanted some for patients and would take it for bill. I remember seeing her pass real often in a top buggy with team of dark horses, always trotting right along. She hired a young man to drive for her. Those days the Dr. came to see patients instead of patients going to see Dr.

"I don't remember if there was a Mr. Fix. I would be glad to hear how long she was in Gering, where she went from there, her age, etc. We left Neb. in 1898 and I have lived in Wyo. ever since. Am now 81 years old."

Childhood Memories of Ida Countryman

"First horse back ride with brother Frank on a horse he rode home from Wyoming, named Poka a Dot.

"5th birthday — a layer cake and a turkey dinner, white gobbler. Ernest Zeanor happened along driving his sorrel buggy team — flaxen mane and tails. Wnet with Frank and Johnnie for load of hay. Started to snow so they made a hollow in hay so I wouldn't get cold or wet. Dudley and I learning to ride mules, White Molly and black Jinny.

"How the garden and field crop dried up and turned brown for lack of rain for a period of 13 years. Some years a half crop. Watching the tumble weeds go by."

The Things I Like Best About My House, by Ida I. Countryman

"My house was truly 'this ole house,' before I had my lovely living and dining room built on two years ago. By tearing off a store room on the south side of the house I could have a room 16 x 32 feet. My sons all being busy with regular ranch work, I hired a contractor to do the work and remodelling of roof. While it was expensive, it was well worth the price. There are two large picture windows in south side and one ordinary window in west, a front door mostly glass in east so there is sunshine and light in abundance. The walls are plywood showing the pretty grain of the wood, the floor Bruce hardwood blocks. This all makes for less work in cleaning and seems in keeping with a ranch home. The outside of house is covered in stucco in Spanish buff color and really looks nice from the busy highway which passes about three hundred feet south. I have drapes on traverse rods. They are a heavy material with a design of trees, rock wall and a few flowers. In front of large windows are house plants, at present blooming: amaryllis, geranium, Christmas catcus, petunias and carnations. This highway is 287 and there is usually a good deal of travel. In summer tourists going to and from Yellowstone Park. Rock hounds hunting jade, agates and petrified wood and more recently uranium hunters, of which there are many claims filed both north and southeast of here. Then there is the oil field equipment constantly being moved as there are several oil fields in production near here. Then in the fall the huge trucks loaded with sheep and cattle going to market. Many bands of sheep are trailed by every spring and fall. All of this I see from the big windows and last but not least, the glorious sunsets for which the west is famous. The colors are indescribable and an artist would have hard work to duplicate the beautiful shapes and colors of the clouds."

by Dorothy Kimball

COUNTRYMAN, ISAAC

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Isaac, of Antonius, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

The following information was obtained from the federal census records 1850–1910. All dates are approximate. Anyone interested in this family should check the data with other sources.

Isaac Countryman, son of Antonius, was born in Pennsylvania about 1801. (The *Countryman Genealogy* , 1925, gives his unlikely birthdate as 15 January 1815.) In 1850 Isaac, age 50, was living in Varick, Seneca County, New York, with sons Martin, age 15, and George, age 12, both born in New York. Apparently Isaac's wife, born in New Jersey, was deceased by this time. Living two dwellings from Isaac was a Jeremiah Countryman, age 22, with wife Eleanor, age 21, and daughter Emaline, age four months, all born in New Jersey. Jeremiah was likely another son of Isaac. Both were employed as laborers.

In 1860 Isaac was enumerated with Abram Sixbery, age 60; wife Catharine, age 37; Joseph, 15; (Mary), 11; (Martha), 8; George W., 6; Eliza, 3; Charlotte A., 6 months. These children were all born in New York. Isaac and Abram were day laborers. Catharine is believed to be the Kate listed as a daughter of Isaac in the 1925 book. She was born in Pennsylvania, Abram in New York. Isaac's real estate was valued at $25, his personal property at $100.

In 1870 the Sixberrys lived two dwellings from Isaac. Abram was employed as a farm laborer, and had real estate valued at $400 and personal property valued at $165. Isaac's real estate was valued at $300, his personal property at $100.

Isaac lived to be about 90 years of age. His son George W. Countryman, probably the youngest, was born in December 1838. George and his wife Amelia, born in January 1845 in New York, were residing in Garfield Township, Pawnee County, Kansas, in 1880. They had been married around 1863. The first seven of their eight children were born in New York. They would have moved to Kansas sometime between 1876 and 1880. Here George was employed as a brick mason. The information is given on their children:

(1) William L., born February 1865, a herder and farmer, married Lena B. about 1897. Lena was born in December 1876 in New York. Resided in Logan Township, Edwards County, Kansas (1900, 1910). Issue: Maggie I., born March 1898; Harris W., born April 1900; Ethel, born 1903; and Clara, born 1906.

(2) Frederick G., born July 1866, a farmhand, later a blacksmith, married Maud about 1896. She was born in Kansas February 1879; her parents were born in Ohio. In 1900 they were residing in Galt Township, Rice County, Kansas, on a farm. Issue: George W., born January 1897; and Amelia, born December 1898.

(3) Emma J., born 1868.

(4) Samuel E., born January 1869, a farmer. With parents in 1900.

(5) John, born May 1871, a farmer, married Minnie, born June 1875 in Kansas. Resided in Pleasant Ridge Township, Pawnee County, Kansas (1900) and Logan Township, Edward County, Kansas (1910). Issue: Lester, born 1901; Charlie, born 1902; Ernest, born 1903; Adelia, born 1905; Etta, born 1907; Dana, born 1909.

(6) George W., born December 1873, a clergyman, resided with sister Catharine A. and her husband John F. Ware in 1900 in Garfield Township, Pawnee County.

(7) Catharine A., born February 1876, married about 1900 to John F. (or Frank J.) Ware, born January 1862 in Iowa. A farmer, his parents were from England. Issue: Amelia J., born 1902; Ewing C., born 1904; Eugene F., born 1904. In Garfield Township 1900 and 1910.

(8) Charles Edwin, born about April 1882, a farmer, married Eva Hildebrand. To them three children were born. One, Frank LeRoy, a clergyman in the Methodist Church, served mostly in Illinois.

by Lorraine M. Weick

COUNTRYMAN, ISAAC CLAUDE

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Isaac Claude, of John Henry, of Joseph, of John Adam, of Conradt II, of Conradt I, of John Frederick.

Isaac Claude was the son of John Henry and Mary L. (Williams) Countryman. He was born November 9, 1883, in Wright County, Iowa. He and his wife, Lucille –?–, had four

Isaac Claude Countryman and his sons. Left to right: Clifford, I. Claude, Vernon, and Ray.

children:

Ray C. Countryman married Dorothy, and their children are Sarah (died as an infant), Patty, and Ray.

Vernon L. Countryman married Dorothy Grace and their children are Robert and Billie.

Clifford married Betty –?– and their children are Bonnie, Sherrie, twins Dennis and Derek, Linda, Peggy, and Brian.

Ethel married Donald King and their children are Sandra, Daryl, Ronald, and Donna.

by Donald P. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, ISIAH & SARAH (CRULL)

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Sarah (Crull) and Isiah Countryman.

Isiah, of George.

Isiah Countryman, son of George and Mariah (Gall) Countryman of Rockingham County, Virginia, came to Cass County, Indiana, at the age of 18. The children of

Isiah and Sarah Countryman's homestead, Cass County, Indiana. There are logs under the outer slats.

George and Mariah Countryman were: Isiah, David, James Monroe (a Civil War soldier), Katherine, and Dolly. George came from Virginia to Ohio, and then to Cass County, Indiana. Isiah married Sarah Crull, daughter of John Crull and granddaughter of Thomas Crull of Miami County, Indiana. The children of John and Lydia Crull were: Sarah, who married Isiah Countryman; Mary, who married David Countryman; Hezekiah and Levi.

To Isiah and Sarah (Crull) Countryman were born four children. Lucinda was their first. She lived only two years and six months. She was born January 26, 1852, and died July 26, 1854. John Amansa was born on July 22, 1855, and died March 24, 1928. William Edward was born November 9, 1860, and died May 30, 1933. Their youngest was Marcella Jane, who was born July 25, 1866, and died April 6, 1958. Sarah and Isiah were married on March 30, 1851.

Isiah was a farmer by trade, being taught how to by his father, George Countryman. It was then the procedure to stake off a section of ground, build a cabin, and clear a portion for farming. He was greatly assisted in this by Hezekiah Crull, a brother of his wife, for this ground was densely wooded. After living on this property for five years, land grant procedures were begun to gain ownership. This was done through Washington, D.C., land grant office. Isiah built his home of logs. Later it was modernized, most of this modernization being done by his oldest son, John. He placed vertical slats on the logs, and added a kitchen and a stairway to the loft. The remainder of the loft was converted into two bedrooms.

Isiah's brother David married Mary Crull, a sister to Isiah's wife. Their names are on the marriage license of Isiah and Sarah.

Sarah was a hard working lady. She was very industrious, and very clever. She spun some of the wool that Isiah would have given her from his flock of sheep; she spun it into yarn with her spinning wheel, and knitted this yarn into sweaters, scarves, and mittens. She would dye this yarn brown with onion skins or black walnuts. She used various berries of blue, purple and red. These three colors faded badly. She was an artist with the needles. She made an exquisitely stitched crazy quilt that is in the family to this day.

by Jo Benjamin

COUNTRYMAN, ISOBEL

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Isobel (Countryman) Myers Pavelich

The Wyoming Countrymans — Isobel, of Mark Ward, of Charles Raynor.

Isobel Joyce Countryman, sixth and youngest daughter of Mark Ward and Ida Irene (Irvine) Countryman and granddaughter of Charles Raynor and Anna Ethelyn (Bartell) Countryman, was born May 24, 1925, on the Drift Fence Ranch, Ft. Washakie, Wyoming.

She married Lieutenant Arthur Warren Myers on February 23, 1943, in Brownwood, Texas. One child, Albert Evan Alvin Myers, was born August 16, 1944, in Columbia, South Carolina. Major Arthur Warren Myers died January 19, 1957.

Isobel married Joseph Pavelich on March 26, 1958, in Toole, Utah. Isobel died March 10, 1969, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Isobel was named by her oldest brother, Francis, who at that time was reading the novel *Isobel* by James Oliver Curwood. She was the most dramatic of all the Countryman sisters, expressing herself loudly when but a baby. As she grew older she liked to dress up in old evening gowns, high heels, wigs and jewelry; applying rouge and lipstick, reciting poems and singing; portraying many people.

Isobel went to the Countryman school. Her sister Margaret taught her several terms.

Her father bought the Finn Harrison place on Willow Creek near Crowheart Butte in 1938, moving his family up there, leaving Francis to run the lower Drift Fence Ranch. In May 1941 the government bought both the upper and lower Drift Fence Ranches.

On May 23, 1941, Isobel's father purchased the old Dan Hudson spread on the Sweet Water (a huge cattle ranch). Isobel didn't like the old ranch house. September 1942 Isobel was in her last year of high school. She went until January, when she dropped out of school, lacking two and one-half credits of graduating. She had fallen in love the previous summer with a young lieutenant cowboy-soldier whose parents, Albert and Jenny Myers, lived downriver from the Countryman ranch. They were old settlers and ranchers on the Sweet Water, with a family of six boys and one girl.

The middle years of Isobel's life are told in the stories of Arthur Warren Myers and Joe Pavelich.

Isobel enjoyed bridge and bowling. She bowled on the Bank of Idaho team in Coeur d'Alene; she was the captain. Also, in 1963, she was captain of the Kon-Tiki and made black broadcloth vests for all the team, painting a dancing Hawaiian girl in grass skirt on the back of each. She had several trophies of which she was very proud. She also sold her first oil painting that year. She was a very avid reader, preferring history, anthropology, and ancient ruins. She liked to hunt for arrowheads and jade. In fact, she was interested in everything and everyone. She also started to research her family genealogy.

In the spring of 1966 she came home to visit, and especially to see her brother Manuel "Hoot" Countryman, who was in the last throes of cancer. While there she went to see Dr. Holtz for a medical examination. He sent her back to Spokane for immediate surgery (cancer of the breast). To make a long story short, she fought bravely for her life for three years. She had a great will to live, but the cancer spread to the bones of her pelvis, back and lungs. In December she got the "Hong Kong" flu and spent a month in the hospital in a coma; she didn't remember a thing until January, when she rallied and was sent home.

Surprisingly, her hip had slipped back in its socket and she did not need the walker anymore. She was so happy. Her sister Dorothy was there to care for her. Isobel went right to work on her correspondence, making out their bills and writing to all her family and friends. She got worse after Valentine's Day, so her mother came and her sister Truth came from Utah a few days before her death. The hospital was full to capacity, so Joe got a nurse, Samanthy Myers from Louisiana (a Cajun angel), who helped ease her last two days.

About 6:00 a.m. March 10, 1969, she passed away. Services were held from Vates Funeral Home March 12; cremation followed. Her ashes were returned to Lander, Wyoming, for burial services at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

She lived more in her short life than many people do in a long life span.

by Dorothy (Countryman) Kimball

COUNTRYMAN, JACK H. & SELMA (UMPHRY)

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Jack, of Robert, of Joseph, Jr., of Joseph.

Jack Howley Countryman, Sr., son of Robert D. Countryman, was born July 28, 1924, in Ewood, Illinois. Selma Eudora (Umphry) Countryman, wife of Jack H. Countryman, Sr., was born May 30, 1924, in Keosauqua, Iowa.

Jack Howley Countryman, Jr., son of Jack H. Countryman, Sr., was born January 16, 1945, in Silver Cross Hospital, Joliet, Illinois. His five children are: Jack Howley Countryman III, born October 17, 1962, and died in January 1963; Terry Michael, born October 2, 1963, in Evergreen Park, Chicago, Illinois; Jacqueline Helen, born October 18, 1964, in Morris, Illinois; Keith Edward and Kevin Roger, fraternal twins, born December 16, 1967, in Morris, Illinois. Terry graduated from Morris High School in 1983 and works at Super Gas in Morris. Jacqueline graduated from Morris High School in 1983 and is now employed at Lincoln Nursing Home. Keith and Kevin are high school students at Morris. Keith works part-time at Rockwell Inn and Kevin works part-time at Kindlespires Auto Supply.

Donna Jean (Countryman) Cole, daughter of Jack H. Countryman, Sr., was born June

Isobel (Countryman) Myers and her son, Albert Myers. Passport picture to Germany, 1953.

Left to right: Keith Countryman, Jacqui Countryman, Terry M. Countryman, and Kevin Countryman at Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, in 1977.

17, 1947, in Morris, Illinois. She has one son and lives in Jacksonville, Illinois.

Cynthia Ann (Countryman) Wren, daughter of Jack H. Countryman, Sr., was born October 11, 1949, in Morris, Illinois. She has five daughters and lives in Seneca, Illinois.

Linda Sue (Countryman) White, daughter of Jack H. Countryman, Sr., was born September 17, 1953, in Morris, Illinois.

Lorraine Marie Countryman, daughter of Jack H. Countryman, Sr., was born November 11, 1955, in Morris, Illinois.

Jack H. Countryman, Sr., married Selma Eudora Umphry on October 27, 1944, after which he went into the service from 1944–1946, during World War II. He now lives in Morris, Illinois.

by Jacqueline Helen Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, JACOB

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Loyalist or Traitor

The Canadian Countrymans — Jacob, of Conrad, of Johan Frederick.

Jacob was the son of Conrad and the grandson of Johan Frederick Countryman. Jacob was born in Tyron County, New York, in about 1743. Church records in Osnabruck Township, Ontario, indicate that a Jacob Contreman of Osnabruck died on July 8, 1814, at the age of 70 years, 10 months, and 26 days. This record would suggest a birth date of October 4, 1743.

At the beginning of the Revolutionary War, Jacob enlisted in the first battalion of the King's Royal Regiment of New York (KRRNY) on January 1, 1777. Jacob may have been one of the 200 Mohawk allies who accompanied Sir John Johnson in June 1776. This group made a gruelling 19-day trek through the forests and over the Adirondacks to St. Regis Indian village. From 1777 to 1782, Jacob fought as an infantryman in Captain Samuel Anderson's Company. In 1783, Jacob became a corporal in Archibald McDonnell's Company. He remained with the battalion until it was disbanded on December 24, 1783.

As a traitor, Jacob's land was confiscated in Tyron County, New York. In the years following the American Revolution, the loyalists who settled in Ontario were given land grants in partial recognition of their losses and services during the conflict. In 1784 the pioneer loyalists began settling in the vast wilderness on the north shore of the St. Lawrence River between Montreal, Quebec, and Kingston, Ontario. Jacob Cunterman's name is included on the victualling list of loyalist refugees in 1785 and 1786 for township #4 (now Williamsburg Township). At this time, he lists his family as 1 man, 1 woman, 1 male under 10 years, 1 female over 10 years, and 2 females under 10 years.

The loyalist soldiers received 100 acres of land in Concession 1 along the St. Lawrence River and 200 acres in a "back" concession. Officers received larger land grants. The loyalists drew lots for "tickets of location" that would entitle them to settle on Lot— Concession— in —Township. Each township was approximately nine miles wide and 12 miles deep. There were about nine concessions in a township. Concession 1 was a strip of land running parallel to the St. Lawrence River. The lots were numbered from east to west. Each farm lot contained 200 acres, but was frequently divided into 100-acre parcels. Corporal Jacob Countryman drew the East ½ (100 acres) of Lot 3 in Concession 1 in Township #3 (now Osnabruck Township). Jacob's neighbour on lots 1 and 2 was his commander in the KRRNY, Captain Archibald McDonnell. A map drawn in 1792 and stored in the Archives of Ontario shows Jacob Countryman's name on the East ½ (100 acres) of Lot 3 Concession 1 and also on the West ½ (100 acres) of Lot 3 Concession 2 in Osnabruck Township. For some unknown reason, Jacob never petitioned or registered the lands from Concession 2. There is no record of a Crown land grant to Jacob for this property. The land was granted to Jess Wright in 1797. On August 25, 1789, there is a petition from Jacob Countryman, "a corporal in the KRRNY praying for 100 acres of land in which he was deficient as a non-commissioned officer." Three days later, there is an entry that indicates that the landboard issued another 100 acres to Jacob Conterman. Records from the Upper Canada Landboard show the awarding of a total of 500 acres to Jacob Countryman in Osnabruck Township.

When Jacob was in his sixties, he started to sell off his lands. Bargain and sale instruments dated between 1806 and 1814 suggest that Jacob may have died a "wealthy" man. Records from seven tracts of land reveal the transactions in the accompanying table.

The author is uncertain on which piece of land that Jacob built his home. The most valuable piece of land was the 100 acres in Concession 1 that butted the St. Lawrence River. This property was sold to Jacob Countryman's son-in-law, Jacob Stoneburner. To-day this valuable land is under water. In 1954, construction of the power dam at Cornwall resulted in the flooding of about 3,000 acres of land along the St. Lawrence River in order to facilitate passage of the large ships up the river to the Great Lakes. The newly created Lake St. Lawrence quickly submerged at least nine cemeteries in Concession 1 of Osnabruck Township. Ontario Hydro were required by law to notify descendants that they could have Hydro remove the remains and/or gravestones of their ancestors to a new cemetery near Long Sault in Osnabruck Township. There may be a few Countryman graves that are now submerged in water. Jacob Countryman's final resting place was probably one of these sites.

No.	Date	Grantor	Grantee	Land Location Con	Lot	Part	Acres	Value (pound)
1.	1806	Jacob Countryman	John Chrysler	7	25	W½	100	250
2.	1808	Jacob Conterman	D'Arcy Boulton	6	31	W½	100	50
3.	1811	Jacob Countryman	John Leanan	5	3	W½	100	200
4.	1812	Jacob Conterman	Jacob Stoneburner	1	3	E½	120	325
5.	1814 July 4	Jacob Countryman	Wm & Francis Johnson	7	25	E½	100	---
6.	1814 Nov 16	Hannah Countryman "widow"*	Jacob Lang	4	27	E½	100	200
7.	1797	Crown	Jacob Countryman	6	31	E½	100	---
	1837	John Countryman (son of Jacob)	Thomas Sanderson	6	31	E½	100	

Note: Jacob Countryman died on July 8, 1814. *This "Hannah" could be Jacob Countryman II's wife.

by David L. Montgomert

COUNTRYMAN, JACOB

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United Empire Loyalist

Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Friedrich.

Jacob Contreman, son of Conrad 1st, was born 12 August 1743, probably in Canajoharie, originally Herkimer, now Montgomery County, New York. Born into this closely knit German Lutheran community, he was probably one of the younger children of Conrad Countreman. He married probably about 1764. His wife's name is unknown. Three sons were born to Jacob and his wife: (1) Jacob, Jr., born about 1765; (2) Conrad, born about 1770, who married Cornelia (possibly Flensburgh, daughter of William Flensburgh of Albany County, New York), died after 1828, probably in Cuyahoga County, Ohio; and (3) John, married 6 March 1810 to Hannah Weart. These children were born in New York prior to the Revolutionary War. There may have been other children, possibly born following the Revolution.

Jacob Countyman's decision to remain loyal to Britain could not have been an easy one to make. He was clearly in opposition to the rest of the family who supported the revolutionary cause. He had responsibilities. He was a married man in his mid-30s with young children. If we knew his wife's identity, perhaps we would learn that her family supported his decision. Whether his motives were political, economical, or purely based on emotion, it is difficult to judge now. Clearly his choice to remain loyal to Britain had a profound effect on the lives of his immediate family and the generations to follow.

Jacob's land in New York was confiscated.

However, following the war the British gave land in Canada to the Loyalists. Jacob received one tract right along the St. Lawrence River, Concession #1, ½ of Lot 3, Osnabruck Township, very close to the area of former rapids near Long Sault. This land is now flooded by the St. Lawrence River. The river plat was to allow him access to the river, the primary artery of transportation. His residence tract was in Concession #2, ½ of Lot 5, Osnabruck Township. Many other Loyalists with German heritage were settled there also. As the earliest Countryman immigrants had done in 1709, now Jacob Countryman had to create a life from the unbroken forests of Ontario. Life in this new community was difficult, for most of the new settlers had left everything they owned behind them. Many came by small boat across the St. Lawrence with only a few meager possessions with which to build a new life.

To their credit, they did build a new life and community along the shores of the St. Lawrence. Today a visit to Upper Canada Village near Williamsburg, Ontario, is a rare opportunity to savor the life and times of the Loyalist pioneer in Ontario.

by Kay Rhodes

COUNTRYMAN, JACOB & ELIZABETH

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Jacob, of John Adam, of Conradt II, of Conradt I, of John Frederick.

Taken from the 1850 census of Ogle County, Illinois, Monroe Township: Jacob Countryman, age 50, born New York, farmer; Elizabeth Countryman, age 45, born New York; Alex, age 22, born New York, farmer; Mary C., age 20, born New York; John H. (*Note:* The record shows an *A* , but this is an *H* for Henry. This is John Henry, my great-grandfather.), age 17, born New York; David A., age 15, born New York; Chancy, age 12, born New York; William L., age 10, born New York.

Jacob and Elizabeth Countryman came to Illinois in 1842 and lived there for some time. I have been unable at this writing to locate their place of burial. It may be in Illinois or Iowa, but I am still looking. It has been told that Jacob came to Iowa.

Madison Township, Jones County, Iowa, census, taken on June 27, 1860 (page 70), shows one Alex Countryman, age 32, a farmer, born in New York; wife Lany Ann (Bender), age 24, born in Pennsylvania (married July 1, 1852); Barbara E., age 6, born in Illinois; also Rosanna W. or M., age 2, born in Illinois.

Taken from the 1925 book, page 179–180: Alexander Countryman, oldest son of Jacob and Elizabeth Countryman, was a volunteer in the U.S. Civil War from Iowa, Madison Township, Jones County; at age 34 he enlisted August 15, 1862. Died of disease, March 3, 1863 at Helena, Arkansas, buried in Mississippi River National Cemetery, Memphis, Tennessee, Section 3, Grave 611. Co. K. 24th Infantry, Iowa. No more is known of Alexander's family. My son Monte was at Alexander's gravesite in 1985.

Jacob Countryman, Iowa Volunteer, U.S. Civil War, Maquoketa, Iowa, nativity New York, enlisted August 10, 1861, mustered out September 23, 1864, Co. A. 9th Infantry, Iowa.

Michigan Volunteer, Civil War, John H. Countryman, Co. G. 1st Michigan Sharpshooters.

Jacob H. Countryman, Co. H., 18th Michigan Infantry.

No other records to show if either Jacob listed above is my great-great-grandfather.

by Donald P. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, JACOB II

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The Canadian Countrymans — Jacob II, of Jacob, of Conrad, of Frederick.

Jacob Countryman II, son of Jacob Countryman, Sr., was born in the Province of New York ca. 1771–76, according to a statement by his son William in a land petition. He died in Osnabruck, Ontario, ca. 1816, killed by a falling tree at the age of 40–45 years. He was married at Osnabruck 25 October 1790 (Old Luth/Angl. Reg., Liber A) to Anna Ross (or Russ?), from Osnabruck. They had the following children:

Dorothea was born 15 October 1794 and baptised 26 October; sponsors: Jacob Countryman, Sr., and Dorothea Sheets. (Luth/Angl. Reg. Williamsburg, Osnabruck, Liber A). The entry in the church books of this baptism shows clearly that the father is Jacob Countryman *Junior* , while Jacob Countryman *Senior* is one of the sponsors.

Anna was born 22 September 1796 and baptised 23 October; sponsors: David Sheets and Abigail Campbell. (Luth/Angl Reg. Liber A) Did Anna marry Stephen Brownell? Or did Hannah Countryman, daughter of Jacob, Sr., marry Stephen Brownell? The will of Stephen Brownell, dated 30 July 1803, is found on microfilm reel #862340, Ontario Archives.

Jacob III was born 8 August 1801 and baptised 22 September; sponsors: John McDonell and wife Polly. (Angl Ch. book of Osnabruck.)

Margaret was born 2 August 1805 and baptised 22 September; sponsors: Tho. Johnson and wife Catarina. (Angl. Ch. book Osnabruck) Margaret may have married John Hardy.

William was born 19 January 1809 and baptised 3 September; sponsors: John Conterman, Elis. McDonald. (Angl. Ch. book, Osnabruck.) The 1851 census of Edwardsburg, Grenville County, records his age as 37. He died in Edwardburg Township 13 September 1889, 80 years old, and was buried in Johnstown United Church Cemetery. He married Barbara –?–, who was born ca. 1815 in the U.S. and died 19 June 1884, age 70 years, buried Johnstown United Church Cemetery. Their children, all born in Upper Canada, with ages as shown in the 1851 census of Edwardsburg were: Barny, 21; Jacob, 18; William, 15; Hanah, 13; John, 11; Elizabeth, 9; James, 7; George, 3; and Samuel, 2. In the Publich Archives of Canada, Ottawa, are some petitions for land made by William Countryman.

Nancy was born ca. 1812. She married John Prunner, son of Peter Prunner, Sr., U.E.L., and Elizabeth Bouck. John Prunner was born ca. 1802 and died before the 1861 census. Their children, with ages from the 1851/52 Williamsburg census, were: James, 22; Cyrus (same as William Silas?), 18; Jacob, 13; George, 11; Ann, 8; Sally, 6; Charles, 5; John J., 4; and Richard Reuben, 2. For further descendants of Nancy Countryman and John Prunner, see *Peter Prunner the Loyalist and His Descendants* by Daisy C. Neilan, Morrisburg, Ontario.

John was born prior to 1815. In the Upper Canada Land Petitions we find the petition of John Countryman of the township of Osnabruck. He states that he is the son of Jacob Countryman, a Loyalist, and asks for 200 acres. It is unlikely that this petition was made by John Countryman, son of Jacob Countryman, Sr., as that John had already made a petition in 1810 and had received 200 acres in 1811. This petitioner in 1836 is likely the son of Jacob, Jr., who tries the same way as his brother William had in 1832 to get free land as a son of a U.E.L. Is he perhaps the John Countryman who married Sally Switland and whose child Jacob Wm. was baptised 24 September 1846, according to the Osnabruck Anglican church records? Or was Sally Switland married to John Countryman, son of John and Hannah (Weart) Countryman?

Mary was married to Stephen Woodman, according to David Montgomery of Lancaster, Ontario.

Sarah was married to –?– Watson, according to David Montgomery.

Note: I am a genealogist and some of my friends are Countrymans. I hope other family members can correct what is wrong or justify our assumptions.

by Klaus Vander Baaren

COUNTRYMAN, JACOB & MARY (AMBROSE)

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Jacob, of George.

The name Countryman appears in my Ambrose family records on the Frederick Ambrose branch from Ligonier, Pennsylvania. One Jacob Countryman, born April 23, 1765, died December 18, 1803, son of George Countryman, who died June 13, 1779, Brothers Valley, Bedford County, Pennsylvania, and Rachel (Milhouse) Countryman, who died 1812, Donegal, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

Jacob married ca. 1786 Mary Ambrose, daughter of Frederick Ambrose, born May 4, 1738 (assumed Maryland), died July 29, 1821, Ligonier, Pennsylvania, and Marguaretha (maiden name and dates unknown). Mary (Ambrose) Countryman was born May 11, 1770, died in childbirth in June 1787. After the death of Mary (Ambrose) Countryman, Jacob Countryman married Mary Elizabeth Sweitzer and had seven children.

One child known of Jacob and Mary (Ambrose) Countryman was John Jacob Countryman, born September (or December) 26, 1786, Brothers Valley, Bedford County, Pennsylvania, died May 4, 1869, Brothers

Valley, married November 1, 1820, Hannah Lane, who died in 1866. Both are buried in Berlin, Pennsylvania.

John Jacob and Hannah (Lane) Countryman had ten children: (1) Mary Countryman, born 1821, married George Hay; (2) Catherine Countryman, born 1825; (3) Jacob J. Countryman; (4) Malinda Countryman, born 1831; (5) Caroline Countryman; (6) Jerome Countryman; (7) Samuel Countryman; (8) Ephraim Countryman; (9) Francis J. Countryman, whose story is given separately; and (10) Elizabeth Countryman.

Susannah Countryman was a sister to this Jacob Countryman, both being children of George Countryman and Rachel (Milhouse) Countryman. Susannah was born January 18, 1767, died March 10, 1843, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. Susannah married John Ambrose, brother to Mary (Ambrose) Countryman. John Ambrose was born in 1765/66, Bedford County, Pennsylvania, died in January 1839, Donegal, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. Both are buried in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Ligonier, Pennsylvania. John Ambrose and Susannah (Countryman) Ambrose had ten children, who married into families of the names Marker, Lightberger, King, Shearer, Campbell, Shaver/Shearer, Felgar, Matthews, Weller, McMillan, and Hays.

by Lloyd Ambrose

COUNTRYMAN, JAMES A. & CARRIE (KLINKHART)

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The Countryman Farm — Lindenwood, Illinois

James A., of Daniel, of John 1, of John, of Conrad 1.

Daniel Countryman of Herkimer County, New York, and his 15-year-old son, James A., came to Lynnville Township in Ogle County, Illinois, in 1855. They settled on a considerable acreage along the Kilbuck Creek.

They returned to New York and brought other family members and all of their worldly goods to Illinois. They established a herd of shorthorn cattle that was well known for its quality. Stockmen came from all parts of northern Illinois to purchase purebreds from the Countryman Stock Farm.

In 1873 James A. married Carrie Klinkhart, assumed operation of the farm, and in 1874 built the large farm residence which is still in excellent condition.

In 1900 Floyd M., oldest son of James A., took possession of the farm after his marriage to Marion B. Pullin. Their seven children were born there.

In 1931 Frank K., fourth son of Floyd M., joined his father in the operation of the farm and now owns the 440 acres and operates it as a grain farm.

Frank and his wife, Vera (Coultas) Countryman, have two daughters: Susan (Countryman) Estes, Ph.D., wed to Fredrick Estes, M.D.; and Judy Countryman, wed to Frederick Roesti, J.D.

by Helen (Countryman) Sanderson

The Countryman farm house, Lindenwood, Illinois, built by James A. Countryman (son of Daniel) in 1874. The house is now 112 years old.

COUNTRYMAN, JAMES ALONZO

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A Tribute To My Great-grandfather

Much has been written about James Alonzo Countryman, my great-grandfather. James was probably a dreamer, too. About 1870 to 1880, James planted a seed of a different kind. He began buying purebred Poland China hogs and the beautiful majestic shorthorn cattle that he helped to import to our country in those years. The shorthorn cattle were to be a hobby for the well-established farmer.

In November 1885 what was to be later called the International Livestock Exposition was held for the first time in Chicago, Illinois. James Alonzo was there from Lindenwood, Illinois, about 65 miles west, to exhibit his Poland China hogs. He dominated the field of competition with entries, winning the best barrow class with Major and Dick, and class under one year with Lookout Cliff, Packee, Pearl, and Polo. The *National Livestock Journal* was beginning to print a new farm paper and awarded a sterling silver cup to the winner of the best fat hog, which was James Alonzo. Unfortunately, the cup was never properly engraved to establish the year it was won. The silver cup graced the homes of James Alonzo and Floyd Moses Countryman until 1946.

"Stardust" and Janet Countryman — International Livestock Show, 1946, Chicago, Illinois.

Clare Alonzo, the oldest son of Marion and Floyd Countryman, re-established a long held dream when the International Livestock Exposition announced it would reopen on November 30, 1946, in Chicago, following the close of World War II. As a young man, Clare continued the quest of James and showed the Countryman shorthorn cattle in county fairs throughout the area for several years. Clare, also, traveled to Ames, Iowa, to take a course in animal husbandry. Clare married Elizabeth and left the farm, moving to Rochelle, Illinois. In time, he was employed by Delmonte Packing Corporation and moved to DeKalb, Illinois. After 18 years he left their employ when told that there was no further opportunity for advancement. He went farming in March of 1944 on the Willis farm at Clare, Illinois.

Clare and Elizabeth decided to enroll Janet in 4-H, buy her a steer from the Countryman Livestock Farm, and again be able to do what he really lived to do all those years. Elizabeth died February 1, 1946. Clare selected a beautiful roan — sprinkled with white like stardust — steer, which Janet called "Stardust." Janet, just 12 years, and her father were joined together in a wonderful time that never can be replaced.

That September, Stardust was the grand champion and champion of the DeKalb County, Illinois, Fair at Sandwich. We traveled to Kansas City, Missouri, to the American Royal Livestock Show and Stardust finished first among the professional breeders. In Chicago, Stardust finished first in 4-H and was reserve champion shorthorn. All other champion winners were from Iowa. We were allowed to show against the professional breeders and beat them, too, in our class. The news coverage for all winners of that year was nationwide. When we returned to DeKalb we learned that the local people had even seen Janet and Stardust on television and had heard their radio interviews. One of Janet's dreams was answered — she was given a ride in a Piper Cub airplane. There was a lot a mail and congratulations. This was to be the best year, but we continued to be successful until we moved to Iowa in 1951. When Clare bought into a shorthorn herd of cattle.

In 1952 Janet was a senior in high school, graduating, entering Cornell College at Mount Vernon, Iowa, and too old to continue to exhibit the beautiful shorthorn cattle like James Alonzo brought to this country so long ago. The cup that graced the homes of James and Floyd now stands proudly on her piano. She is willing to tell anyone who will listen about her father, Clare, and all the way back to a man, James Alonzo, whom she never knew personally. But, we know James Alonzo to have been a man of vision and we thank him for a period of time in my life that would not have been possible without the dream of James Alonzo Countryman, my great-grandfather.

by Janet (Countryman) Current

COUNTRYMAN, JAMES DELBERT & MARLENA JO (FERDIG)

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Wendy, Andrew James (A.J.), Jim, Jo, and Becky Countryman.

James, of Lloyd, of Delbert, of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad second, of Jacob, of Conrad first, of Johann Fredrich.

James Delbert Countryman was born February 13, 1954, the son of Lloyd and Edna Countryman, and grew up on a farm near Moville, Iowa. While he was growing up he helped his dad with farming and raised his own pigs. During his spare time he was active in sports and had a chance at a football scholarship, but declined and chose to be a farmer. After graduating from Woodbury Central High School he started working at the Wilson packing house in Cherokee, Iowa. On February 17, 1973, he married his high school sweetheart, Marlena Jo Ferdig.

She was born July 7, 1953, to Lester and Violet Ferdig, but was raised by Marshall and Betty Ferdig due to her mom's death. Marlena had three sisters and one brother, Sherry, Shirley, Marilyn, and Marvin. The family in which she was raised had five brothers and one sister. After she graduated from Woodbury Central High School she got a job at St. Lukes hospital in Sioux City, Iowa, for four years as a medical secretary. Then she worked at first National Bank in Sioux City for two years, and has now worked for eight years at Terra Chemicals, also in Sioux City.

They have three children: Wendy Jo, born September 4, 1973; Rebecca Marie, born August 16, 1975; and Andrew James (A.J), born July 30, 1980.

They are presently farming and living on the Countryman homestead.

by Jim Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, JAMES RICHARD & PEGGY (STILLWAY)

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James Richard, of Winston, of George C., of Abram, of Henry.

James Richard Countryman was born February 9, 1936, in Boise, Idaho. He was educated in the Boise schools, attended Boise State University, and graduated from the College of Idaho with a degree in business and economics.

In 1958 he married Peggy Anne Stillway, whose parents were Robert and Catherine Stillway. They have three children, Cari Jean, Corey James, and Cathi Ann. Peggy is a registered nurse employed in a doctor's office.

Jim was employed as a bookkeeper and then became associated with Idaho First National Bank. He is at present vice president and manager of the Fourth Street Bank in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Peggy and Jim are very active in many community activities and in the Presbyterian Church.

Cari Jean Countryman was born May 26, 1960, in Boise, Idaho. She was educated in the Coeur d'Alene schools and was valedictorian of her class. She graduated from Boise State University with a degree in science and is at present working on her Ph.D. in science and research at Texas A.& M. University.

Corey James was born May 14, 1963, in Boise, Idaho. He was educated in the Coeur d'Alene schools. He is now finishing his last year at the University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho. He will graduate with a degree in engineering.

Cathi Anne was born November 1, 1968, in Blackfoot, Idaho. She moved with her parents to Coeur d'Alene. She is a high school student, an honor student and very active in sports. She has been a member of a team that won the state championship in softball and competed in the national competition.

by Mrs. Winston U. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, JAY & BLANCHE (CRAWFORD)

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Jay, of James A., of Daniel, of John I., of John, of Conradt.

Jay A. Countryman, the youngest son of Caroline Klinkhart and James Alonzo Countryman, was born April 28, 1886, in Lynnville Township, Ogle County, Illinois. Jay married Blanche Crawford May 05, 1920. They did not have any children. Blanche and Jay moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, about 1920 and in their later years lived at 1400 Second Avenue SE. During 1921 Jay was the chief adviser aiding his friend and the husband of Inez Schultz to establish his retail auto supply business. Jay was the sales manager of Cedar Rapids Auto Supply Company.

During 1941 Jay was hospitalized at Rochester, Minnesota, where his sister, Belle Boyle, met Mrs. Adah Seely, a lifelong friend of theirs. Jay died in a Cedar Rapids hospital on May 20, 1941. His funeral services were held at the Turner Chapel on May 22nd, with Reverend D.A. Loferske officiating, and his burial was at Cedar Rapids Memorial Park Cemetery in the Forest Lawn section, lot 426. Clare and Frank, traveling with their parents, Floyd and Marion Countryman, were among those who are known to have traveled from Rochelle to attend the services.

Jay A. Countryman (1886–1941) son of James A. and Caroline K. Countryman.

Blanche (Crawford) Countryman, widow of Jay A. Countryman, was born July 20, 1887. She continued to live at the same residence until her illness that made it necessary to enter the hospital with cancer, February 11, 1962. Her friends, the Schultzes, took her to the hospital, handled her financial affairs, and when it was necessary, closed her apartment and moved her personal possessions to their guest house. Blanche died in a Cedar Rapids hospital April 26, 1962, at 5:15 a.m. Her gravesite services were held at Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery, where she was buried next to her husband Jay at 9:00 a.m. April 28, the birth date of her husband Jay, with Reverend D.A. Loferske of St. John's Episcopal Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. During her last ten years, Blanche found her strength in the Christian Science faith.

Following the death, both Inez Schultz and Adah Seely contacted Belle Boyle, advising her of the death of Blanche. The correspondence lead to the return to Belle of a quilt and pictures. Belle kept these letters and pictures and they have provided some of this information and the photo of Jay. Adah Seely wrote, "*Jay* was a *prince among men. We all loved Him.* "

by Janet (Countryman) Current

COUNTRYMAN, JESSE & PRISCILLA (TERRVILLIGER)

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My grandfather, Jesse Countryman, lived in the Lackawack area that is in the southwestern part of Ulster County, New York. He married Priscilla Terrvilliger and had four children, Mamie, Ralph, Edith, and Clifford.

Mamie married Isaac Brooks and had one daughter, Evelyn. Ralph married Edna Knight and had one son, Horace. Edith married and had no children. Clifford

married Gertrude Booth and had two children, a daughter Edith Frances and a son John.

My father lived on the west side of the Shawangunk mountains in Lackawack. My mother lived in New Hurley, in the southern part of Ulster County. They met at the Lake Mohonk Hotel that is in the middle and on top of the Shawangunk mountains.

I (John) have lived in New Hurley all my life. I met my wife, Hildred Patricia Wager, at the Wallkill Central High School in Wallkill, New York. She lived in Wallkill. We had three children, Timothy John, Rachel Jane, and Caroline Jean. Timothy married Ruth Ellen Mac Dowell of Newburgh, New York, and they have one daughter, Ellen Elizabeth. Rachel married Richard Magnanini of Wallkill and will have a child in the summer of 1986.

by John Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, JOHANN FREDERICK
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The Immigrant Ancestor.

Johann Frederick Countryman (born ca. 1664) of Enzberg, commune Maulbrunner duchy of Wurtemberg, landed on Nutters Island June 13, 1710, with his wife Maria Barbara, their three children, and with Rev. Kocherthal's second and last emigration of about 3000 Paletines. Johann Frederick was a leading churchman in Enzberg, Germany, and held the position of administor at West Camp, New York. His name appears on the subsistence list from June 30, 1710, until September 13, 1712. He and his wife, Maria Barbara, were present at the baptism of their children on April 12, 1714, and August 12, 1716, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church at West Camp, New York. Johann Frederick was naturalized at Kingston, New York, on September 8, 1715, with his sons Johann Conrad, Johann George, and Andreas Frantz.

Simmendinger's register of 1717 records Johann Frederick, wife Maria Barbara and three children at Hayesbury and the church records note his death at Newtown on September 16, 1717. (Hayesbury was a part of East Camp, located between Huntertown and Queensbury.)

Johann Frederick Countryman and Maria Barbara –?–'s children were:

(1) Andreas Frantz Countryman, which see.

(2) Johann "George" Countryman, born July 28, 1698, in Enzberg, Germany, resided first at Schoharie, New York, and later in Pennsylvania. He married at Albany, New York, on September 12, 1718, Anna Elisabeth Melchoir.

(3) George "Conrad" Countryman, born January 30, 1701,in Enzberg, Germany, wrote his will August 8, 1768, at Canajoharie, New York. He married possibly Maria Margaret –?–.

(4) Magdalena Barbara Countryman, born November 24, 1703, died September 20, 1707, in Enzberg, Germany.

(5) Anna Catharina Countryman, born April 22, 1706, in Enzberg, Germany, died before the winter of 1710.

(6) Johann Frederick Countryman, born October 13, 1708, in Enzberg, Germany, died before the winter of 1710.

(7) Anna Eva Countryman, born April 12, 1714, at West Camp, New York, possibly married John Wood.

(8) Jacob Countryman, born August 12, 1716, at West Camp, New York, resided in Pennsylvania. He married Catherine –?–.

by Lauraine Horbak

COUNTRYMAN, JOHN & MARY (HUNTER)
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The Canadian Countrymans — John, of John, of Jacob, of Conrad, of Johan Frederick.

John, son of John Countryman and Hannah Weart, was born on July 13, 1811, in Osnabruck Township, Stortmont County, Ontario. John spent his entire life in Osnabruck Township. He died on July 22, 1901, and is buried with his wife in Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Osnabruck Township. He married Mary Hunter (born about 1817 in Scotland and died on September 6, 1878).

John purchased a 100-acre farm in 1851 on Lot 33, Concession 6, of Osnabruck Township. In the 1861 census, 30 acres of this farm were under cultivation and 70 acres were bush. The farm had a cash value of only $50. The value of the livestock was $260, which included 5 steers, 6 cows, 2 horses, 1 colt, 10 sheep, and 4 pigs. In 1868 John purchased 100 acres on Lot 33, Concession 7 of Osnabruck Township. In 1878 he purchased for $425 another 35 acres of Lot 33 in the 6th concession. Thus, John Countryman farmed a total of 235 acres. In 1891 he sold 135 acres of the farm to his youngest son, George. Today (1986), part of this land still remains in the Countryman name. The remaining 100 acres was sold to his oldest son, William, in 1896.

The family record for John and Mary indicates that many of their children remained in eastern Ontario. William (1838–1916) married Mary Jane Warner, buried Osnabruck Township, Ontario; Hannah (1840–1919) married Adam J. Bush, buried Osnabruck Township, Ontario; Margarit (1841–?) married Ira Harrington; David (1843–1915) married Alice Peake, buried Washington; Ellen (1847–1910) married Wm. I. Gallinger, buried Ingleside, Ontario; Marian (1851–); Mary (1853–1930) married William Myers, buried Chesterville, Ontario; Jessie (1854–1938) married Nelson C. Warner, buried Osnabruck Township, Ontario; Agnes (1857–) married Will Gardner, buried Washington; Edgar (1858–) married Margaret Hunter, buried Washington; Franklin (1860–) never married, buried Washington; George (1864–1936) married Melinda Neville, buried Osnabruck Township, Ontario; Frank (1875–).

by David L. Montgomery

COUNTRYMAN, JOHN & MARY (KIRK)
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John, of John, of Andrew, of Andrew, of Johann Fredriech.

My connection with the Countryman family is twofold. Two of my great-grandmothers were Countryman sisters — one was my father's grandmother and the other was my mother's grandmother. Their names were Mary Elizabeth (Betsy) and Rebecca Jane, daughters of John and Mary (Kirk) Countryman.

John Countryman, born October 10, 1785, and Mary Kirk, born August 14, 1788, were married in Lancaster County, South Carolina. They owned a farm there and in the 1830s sold the farm and moved to the Ebenezer community in Sumter County, Georgia. John died September 23, 1856, and Mary died May 22, 1852. They are buried in the Ebenezer Cemetery near Ellaville, Georgia.

Mary Kirk was the daughter of Mathew Kirk and his wife, Grace Johnston. They are buried in Shiloh A.R.P. cemetery, Lancaster County, South Carolina. His tombstone reads (1760–1839) and hers (1769–1858). Mathew Kirk was the son of James Kirk, Sr., and Agnes Edmiston. James Kirk, Sr., was born

NAME	Age in	1852	1861	1871	1881	1891
John		38	48	59	68	79
Mary		35	43	53	--	--
William		15	22	32		
Hannah		13	21			
Margaret		10	19			
David		8	17			
Ellen		6	14			
Mora		2	10			
Mary			8	18	30	39
Jessie (Jane)			6	16		
Agnes			4	14	25	
Edgar (Edward)			3	13		
Franklin (James)			1	11	21	29
George				7	17	
Frank					6	
Mary Jane (William's wife)				29		

The census for Osnabruck Township shows the size of John and Mary Countryman's household at the start of each decade.

in Ireland in 1720 and died in Virginia in 1783. Agnes Edmiston, the daughter of Mathew Edmiston (1710–1795), was born in Scotland. James Kirk, Sr., served on the Committee of Correspondence for George Washington's Committee of Safety.

The Cullen Lazarus Battle family descendants marked the graves of John Countryman and his wife, Mary Kirk, in the Ebenezer Cemetery when they held a family reunion in Ellaville, Georgia, in October 1984.

The Countryman family came into South Carolina in the 1760s from Pennsylvania. John was the son of John Countryman, and the grandson of Andrew and Elizabeth Countryman. Andrew died in 1773 in York County, South Carolina, in St. Mark's Parish; Elizabeth died in Jackson County, North Carolina, in 1834.

John and Mary (Kirk) Countryman, who came to Georgia, had seven children: Martha, who married Samuel Caskey; Mathew, who married Margaret; Andrew B., who married Susan E. Kinard; Cynthia G., who married John W. Harper; Rebecca Jane, who married Julius Daniel; Mary Elizabeth, who married Cullen Lazarus Battle; Agnes Ellen, who married William A. Daniel. All the children reared families and there are many descendants still living in the general area of Sumter County and Schley County, Georgia.

by Lynwood Deal Jordan, Sr.

The family of Weart Countryman (1878–1918) in 1920 after moving from the farm to Belleville, Ontario. Left to right: Claire, Florence, Wilbur, and Hilda.

COUNTRYMAN, JOHN & MARY JANE (POTTS)

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The Canadian Countrymans — John, of Martin, of John, of Jacob, of Conradt 1st.

John Countryman, son of Martin and Ann (Weart) Countryman, was born in Hastings County, Ontario, December 7, 1844. He married Mary Jane Potts December 25, 1876, and died in Tweed, Ontario, August 9, 1923. He survived his son George Weart, a farmer and cattle drover, who was born September 17, 1878, and died on the Thompson farm in Queensborough April 24, 1918.

John had two daughters. Ethel Jane, born August 23, 1883, married Charles J. Clark June 10, 1908, and died September 11, 1944. Issue: Elva Dorothy Clark, who ran the *Tweed News* after her husband Sam R. Curry died in December 1961. Children: Starr and Kent.

John's other daughter was Florence Alberta, born September 10, 1880, married Charles Thompson June 3, 1903, and died May 24, 1954. Issue: Jennie Lois, Hazel, John, and Allan.

Weart Countryman on October 25, 1905, married Florence Letitia Bateman (born December 15, 1885) whose family had a nearby farm. Both farms and others in the district produced cheese for export to England through Belleville, a Loyalist town on Lake Ontario.

After Weart's death, Florence's brother Wilbur Bateman assisted with the harvest; the farm was sold and the young family of four moved 25 miles south to Belleville. Florence worked as a lawyer's secretary and died April 9, 1963, having survived her two oldest children.

Dr. Clairewyn Joseph Countryman, born September 3, 1911, graduated in medicine from Queen's University in Kingston in 1937. Claire enlisted in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps April 5, 1943, with the rank of captain and served the next 23 months during World War II in Debert, Nova Scotia, and Calgary, Alberta, before returning to his general practice in Toronto.

The day after Christmas 1951 Claire, wife Floreen (nee Watson, married June 21, 1941), sons Barry, Brian and Paul, left by car for Alabama to be assistant surgeon at King Memorial Hospital in Selma. He died of acute pancreatitis in Birmingham, Alabama, February 29, 1952, at age 40. His sister Hilda (married Ivan Hopkins 1924) had died in 1938 at age 31, leaving a daughter, Lorraine.

Floreen (born August 5, 1916) and the boys returned to Toronto and stayed for three months with the family of Florence's brother Wilbur Bateman, father of noted wildlife artist Robert Bateman, before purchasing a house several miles away in Leaside. Floreen died February 17, 1975.

Barry Jan (born January 31, 1946) wrote *R100 in Canada* and is now working on his second airship book. He has worked at *The Toronto Star* , Canada's largest newspaper, since 1968. Brian Eric (born January 28, 1947) plans to combine his knowledge of Mandarin Chinese and computers to join a financial institution with overseas offices. After obtaining a Master of Science degree, which involved cancer research, and teaching high school science for five years, Paul Ian (born June 4, 1949) returned to university. He opened his dental practice January 1986 in Pickering, just east of Toronto. On March 19, 1977, he married Joanne Margaret Muszynski. Issue: Joseph Paul (born November 16, 1978), Adam Barry (born May 25, 1980), and Michael John (born August 28, 1981).

Claire Countryman's brother Wilbur John (born May 14, 1915) was a high school principal in Hanover and Brockville. On December 5, 1942, he married Mary Elizabeth Kerr. Issue: Elizabeth (Beth), Mary Louise (Marylo), and George.

by Barry Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, JOHN (JOHANNES CONTERMAN)

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Johannes, son of Conrad 1st, of Johann Friederich.

The following is a transcript of the family record of John Countryman, the fifth son of Conrad the first who emigrated to America with his father, Johann Friederich Gundermann (Countryman), and mother, Maria Barbara, his brother Andreas Frantz and his sister Anna Catherine, landing in New York about 1710. (See *Countryman Genealogy* 1928, page 11.) This original document now is in the hands of his great-great-great-granddaughter Janet (Countryman) Current.

"To the glory of God, I, Johannes Conterman, was born at Canajoharie in the County of Montgomery and State of New York in the year of Jesus Christ the 2 day of March 1736. And my wife, Rahel, nee Richhard, was born at Stone Arabia in the same county and state, on the 29 day of October 1733 and in the year of our Lord, 1758, on March the 4, we entered into the state of Holy Matrimony. And during married life we gave birth to the following children, to-wit:

"1st a daughter, Lea, on the 26 day of November 1758

"2nd a daughter, Margaretha, on the 20 day of February 1760

"3rd, a daughter, Rahel, on the 10 day of August 1761

"4th, a daughter, Dorothea, on the 1 day of August 1762 and she died 21 day of July 1767

"5th, a son, Nicolana, on the 2 day of February 1764

"6th, a daughter, Catharina, on the 21 day of July 1765

"7th, a daughter, Susanna, on the 1 day of November 1766

"8th, a son, Johannes, on the 12 day of February 1768

"9th, a daughter, Magdalena. on the 18 day of August 1769

"10th, a daughter, Maria, on the 15 day of September 1771

"11th, a son, Abraham, on the 31 day of March 1773

"12th, a son, Benjamine, on the 15 day of September 1775 and he died 13 day of December 1776

"In the year 1787, February, my wife died.

"And 2 years hereafter, I pray the Father take me in the year of the Lord 1789 to eternal life . . ."

submited by Janet (Countryman) Current

COUNTRYMAN, JOHN A. & NANCY (LOGAN)

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John A. Countryman's Home

The John A. Countryman house in Cass County, Indiana, which he built for his bride in 1880. It has been remodeled by granddaughter Ellen (McMath) Lambert, the present owner.

I was a little red-headed boy of seven when my grandfather, John A. Countryman, died. His farewell service was held in the unique house that he built for his bride, Nancy Ellen Logan. The house is located in Jackson Township, Cass County, Indiana. The year of the union was 1880. The lumber for the new home came off their farm. The house had a large basement. There was a well room and an inside bathroom on the first floor. The second floor had three bedrooms and a bee room. The bees could freely come and go and leave their honey to share with the family. A stairway led to a large attic with a widow's watch at its center. That little grandson loved to crawl up into it to look out over the countryside.

There is a heap of living, loving, and lyric that sings through the memories recorded in the outside walls of solid rows of 2 x 8 boards standing upright from foundation to ceiling.

That little grandson still remembers being with the men of the community who gathered in the barn before his grandpa's funeral. They told of the many things that John Countryman had done for them, or had made for them in his farm shop. They all deeply respected him. On that day, the grandson gained a heritage that has served him well all of his life.

A daughter, Ida E., a son, George, and a second daughter, Iva May, lent their laughter and lyrics to the recording in those walls; however, there was also sorrow. Son George and his mother both fell victims of scarlet fever when the youngest daughter, Iva May, was 12 years old.

In due time, a widowed school teacher from Milford, Indiana, became Mrs. John A. Countryman. Her name was Della Hall, and she and her son, James Hall, added their music to those walls. James became a leading citizen of Walton, Indiana, where he owned and operated a grocery store.

A third daughter, Willodene (Countryman) Johnson, added her love to the music of those strong walls. She and her husband met at Taylor University and were married on the lawn in front of that wonderful country home. Their life together has been a credit to their teaching profession. Willodene's family is recorded in this book, and it speaks for itself.

The oldest daughter, Ida E., married Clyde Shope and they had a daughter, Mabel, who married Zeke Z. Scott. In due time, the original John A. Countryman farm, plus the Ida E. Shope and Zeke and Mabel Scott farms, together became one of the major Cass County, Indiana, farm enterprises.

The second daughter, Iva May, married James Merritt McMath and their story is given separately.

by John M. McMath

COUNTRYMAN, JOHN AMANSA

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John, of Isiah, of George.

John Amansa Countryman was born July 22, 1855, the first son of Isiah and Sarah (Crull) Countryman. Isiah came to Indiana at age 18; he came from Ohio and prior to this from Rockingham County, Virginia. John is the grandson of George and Mariah (Gall) Countryman. John's mother was the daughter of John Crull and the granddaughter of Thomas J. Crull. Crull and Countryman are of German ancestry and the name Gall is Scotch.

John Amansa Countryman (1855–1928).

Joseph and Wilodene (Countryman) Johnson, married in 1925.

John A. Countryman married Nancy Ellen Logan October 28, 1880. Unto this union came Ida, Iva, and a son, George. John wanted his farm to be maintained by his son, George; however, both George and his mother died in the same year from scarlet fever. This left John most unhappy. Ida kept house for her father. One day he went to visit a cousin who was a Methodist minister at Milford, Indiana. He drove his perfectly matched horses and fine buggy this 130 miles and met a lady school teacher. This lady was a widow with a small son named Jim. The lady school teacher's name was Della (Lyman) Hall. Her husband, a prominent lawyer in Warsaw, had died of a heart attack. After many trips to Milford he married this lady. Della's interests were in social activities and she became an active person in the Lincoln Methodist Church.

John planned to give each of his children 40 acres of land when they married, just as his father had given him a farm. Farming was truly his profession, and at this he did quite well. He added buildings, his own handy work, and was most innovative. He was a blacksmith and created unique latches on his gates and outbuildings. However, this was only one of his many talents. He rigged a motor, propelled by gas, that pumped water. This creation eliminated many hours of hard work, for he eliminated depending upon the wind to operate the windmill, and totally eliminated hand pumping and transporting the water by adding a piping system. This system transported the water some 200 feet away. He also built a concrete hog wallow and this facility created clean living conditions.

John also owned bee hives and one of the major problems with this project was that the bees would freeze to death during cold sub-zero winters. So John made a room at the roof of the house that was long and narrow, and much warmer than the out-of-doors. This room accommodated six bee hives.

At this point in time straw was not baled; it was put up in sheaves and they used a machine called a binder. This binder used twine, and this twine had to be threaded in a very exacting manner with just the correct amount of tension — not too tight or not too loose. He mastered this phase of the machinery, so that when farmers would be in trouble with a binder they would call upon John for advice or his expertise. The last of his talents that we have been able to research has been his ability to butcher, and we found that he traveled from farm to farm and would butcher probably not an especially heavy quantity of this, but he did some.

John and Della had a happy marriage, and no one would have known that Jim was not his own natural son. However, John wished for a son to farm and so he and Della were blessed with another baby. This baby was destined to be a school teacher, and her name was Wilodene. John's death date was March 24, 1928.

by Jo Benjamin

COUNTRYMAN, JOHN EVERETT

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John Everett, of Floyd Moses.

Mr. John Everett Countryman, second son of Floyd Moses Countryman and Marion (Pullin) Countryman, was born January 3, 1903, in Lindenwood, Illinois. He married Francis Bernice Smith, daughter of Ada Rankin and Frances Smith, on September 15, 1924. Issue: Jacquelyn Jean, born December 18, 1925; and James Alonzo, born April 4, 1927.

Jacquelyn Jean married Allan Conrad Hoganson on December 27, 1947. Issue: John Allan, born September 26, 1950, married Susan Lee Cook on November 25, 1978; Carrie Countryman, born December 24, 1955, married Jay Dean Hodges on March 19, 1983; James Conrad, born February 13, 1948; and Jeffrey Thomas, born September 13, 1961.

James Alonzo married Jeanne Ann Bergquist October 20, 1951. Issue: Julie Ann, born June 29, 1953, married Steven Richard Morrison on July 9, 1977 (issue: Michael Steven, born December 26, 1980, and Mimi Jeanne, born November 30, 1984); Charles Todd, born March 13, 1955, married Terri Coyle August 2, 1981, Charles died October 13, 1985; Jay Stephen, born August 22, 1956, married Julie Ann Dana July 23, 1979 (issue: Jason Everett, born November 1, 1980, Geoffrey Aaron, born February 16, 1983, and Jenna Marie, born November 8, 1985); and John Joel, born May 10, 1965.

John Everett Countryman received his early education at public schools in his native community and attended Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, in 1921–23. Cornell conferred upon him its distinguished alumnus award in 1962. He attended the University of Illinois in 1923–24.

Meanwhile, he began his career in the food processing industry in 1922 when he became a summer employee at Rochelle, Illinois, Canneries, Inc.; and in 1925–26 was employed by the corporation as a full-time agricultural supervisor. In the latter year, the company became a subsidiary of the California Packing Corporation (later the Del Monte Corporation), and its name changed to the Midwest Canning Corporation.

Thereafter, Countryman held various agricultural and production positions with the Midwest Canning Corporation, and from 1930 to 1935 was general farm superintendent. In the latter year, the company became the midwest division of the California Packing Corporation and he became midwest division farm superintendent. He advanced to assistant manager of the division in 1943 and to manager in 1948. He remained in the latter capacity until 1951 when he moved to the parent comany's headquarters in San Francisco as manager of eastern canned foods production for the California Packing Corporation. He was elected vice-president in charge of production in 1955 and president and chief executive officer of the company in 1963.

In 1967 the company changed its name to Del Monte Corporation, and Countryman continued in his post until 1968, after which he was chairman of the board until his retirement in 1971. Additionally, he became a director of the company in 1952 and a member of the finance committee in 1963, continuing in both capacities until the close of his life.

The company's foreign operations grew significantly during his tenure, with the output from the company's international plants doubling between 1963 and 1968.

In addition to his primary business interests, Countryman was a director and member of the executive committee of Transamerica Corporation, Wells Fargo Bank, and Wells Fargo Company in San Francisco; and director of Wells Fargo International, Planning Research Corporation, and Dillingham Corporation. He was also a trustee of the Nutrition Foundation, New York City. His civic activities included service as a member of the president's Youth Opportunity Program and of the Foreign Assistance Program, the latter a task force created by President Richard M. Nixon in 1970.

He was at various times a trustee and member of the World Affairs Council of Northern California and chairman of fund drives for northern California chapter of Invest-In-America and the San Francisco Junior Achievement.

He was a trustee, a member of the executive committee and in 1968–69 was chairman of the board of the Bay Area Council.

After his retirement, he served as acting president of the National Canners Association with headquarters in Washington, D.C., for seven months, 1971–1972.

In the field of education, he served at various times as a regent of the University of the Pacific, Stockton, California; a member of the University of Illinois Foundation; and a member of the advisory council of the University of Santa Clara School of Business Adminstration.

He died July 29, 1972.

by Mrs. J.E. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, JOHN HARMON & ZILLIE MAE (COOK)

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The Alabama Countrymans — John, of Thomas Alva, of George W.S.

John Harmon Countryman was born 21 August 1888 and died 14 December 1963. He was married 13 August 1912 at Evergreen, Alabama, to Zillie Mae Cook, born 15 August 1891, died 11 June 1972, daughter of Nathaniel Shepherd Cook and Elizabeth (Isabelle) Little. Buried Owassa, Alabama. The six children of John and Zillie Mae were all born in Conecuh County, Alabama:

Marjorie was born 16 August 1913. She married Claiborne Joyner and their children are: Jacqueline, married to Lavaughn Skipper; Phyllis, married to Harold Davis; Muriel, married to Roger Lyle; and Elaine, married to Silas Garrett IV.

Ruby Delle was born 23 March 1915 and died 29 August 1916, buried at Owassa, Alabama.

William Davidson was born 1 May 1916 and married on 11 July 1947 to Gladys Burleson Skinner. She had two daughters, Janice M. and Judy Skinner, by a previous marriage, and their daughter, Lynda Countryman, born 20 October 1948, married Chad Swedberg.

Benjamin Nathaniel was born 25 December 1917. He was married 30 December 1944 at Hitching, England, to Thelma Marion Lewis, born 14 February 1920 at New Port, Wales. She died 3 September 1983 at Port Talbot, Wales, while visiting family. The daughter of Alfred Lewis and Lydia Taylor, Thelma is buried at Owassa, Alabama. Issue: Robin Lewis, born 26 April 1945, London, England; Thelma Ceinwen, born 6 October 1949, Greenville, Alabama; and John Harmon, born 31 August 1955, Bay Minette, Alabama, died 14 December 1963, Mobile, Alabama, buried Owassa, Alabama. Robin Lewis married 4 November 1967 Marcie Dixon, born Mobile, Alabama, 25 August 1945. Issue: Benjamin Dixon, born 8 March 1970, San Antonio, Texas. Thelma Ceinwen married 6 April 1969 to James Charles Kull, born 11 October 1945, Phila, Pennsylvania. Issue, all born in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania: Jason, born 2 December 1973; Jeremy, born 21 March 1975; and Joshua, born 28 February 1978.

Lois Isabell was born 14 October 1920. She was married 24 December 1941 to Joseph Edward Lee, born 23 September 1912, son of John Robert Lee and Cattie Higdon. Issue: Michael David, born 12 September 1943, Montgomery, Alabama, married 8 March 1975 to Sandra Bronsky (issue: Cheryl Ann, born 6 December 1976); Wayne Arden, born 31 January 1945, Montgomery, Alabama; Brenda Gail, born 23 December 1953, Montgomery, Alabama, married 22 August 1977 to Anthony Hale Dorman (issue: Destin Wayne, born 6 April 1984); and Martha Sue, born 6 October 1955, Montgomery, Alabama, married first Passmore (issue: Stephanie Renee, born 11 July 1978), married second 23 December 1981 to Dwan Sheshane (issue: Allison Lee, born 21 July 1982).

James Hymon was born 17 June 1928 and died 3 September 1955, buried Owassa, Alabama. He never married. He was killed in an automobile accident while on leave from the Air Force.

by Maxine Holland

COUNTRYMAN, JOHN HENON & RENE (LOVELESS)

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John H., of Edward G.

This account of the Countryman family is written by Robert D. Countryman, grandson of John H. and son of Edward G.

There is on record a Sarah Countryman, born 1840, died 1861, buried on a lot bought by an Andrew L. and Hannah Countryman. Also on record is a Charles Countryman, Jr., who died at age two, buried September 17, 1888.

John Henon Countryman (1860–1927) married Rene A. Loveless (1867–1950). John H. was a farmer and carpenter. Rene worked caring for the sick and old. They had four children:

(1) Ada Countryman (1886–1916) married

1914 Countryman family photo. Front row left to right: Albert T. Clary, Viola Carris, Mae Carris, Herbert Madan, unknown. Middle row left to right: Ida Madan, unknown, Ada Countryman Clary, Leonard Clary, Glennie Countryman, unknown, Ralph "Obie" Countryman, William Wood, Clate Carriss. Back row left to right: Sophia Countryman, Sadie Wood, Rene Countryman, John H. Countryman, Minnie Skutt, Sarah Carris, three persons unknown, Nettie Madan, unknown, Roe Madan, George Skutt, and last two persons unknown.

Four-generation picture, taken in 1912. Front row left to right: Rene (Loveless) Countryman, Albert Clary, and Caroline Loveless. Standing in back: Ada (Countryman) Clary, Albert's mother.

Leonard Clary. Issue: Albert T. (1907–1978). Albert married Viola Carris, born 1908, still living. Issue: Betty, 1926. Betty married Everett Lee, born 1918. No issue.

(2) Glennie Countryman (1889–1961) married Cecil P. Eaton (1886–1962). Issue: Una, who married Clayton Powell. Issue: Cecil George.

(3) Edward G. Countryman (1892–1965) was a plumber and tinsmith by trade. He also liked to hunt and fish. He was a crack shot and good at self defense (boxing and wrestling). Edward married Ida Blanche Warden (1901–1963). Issue, seven children:

John E., 1921, married Ruth Joslyn, 1920. Issue, five children: Patricia Ann, 1942, married Richard Guthrie (issue — Richard Lee 1962, Steve 1965, Mark 1969); Jon Edward, 1944, married Judy Chambers (issue—Jeffery 1966, Michael 1970); James Barry, 1947, married Barbara Pettit (no issue); Nancy Rae, 1950, married Paul Eyg-

Albert Clary, Everett Lee, Betty (Clary) Lee, and Viola (Carris) Clary on Betty's wedding day, August 3, 1947.

Christine L. Countryman, daughter of Robert D. Countryman.

Barry E. Countryman, son of Robert D. Countryman.

Dale E. Countryman, son of Robert D. Countryman.

Robert D. Countryman, 1980.

nor (issue — Kirk 1970, Jason 1972, Brandi 1975); Bruce Alan, 1952, married Shelley Verburg (no issue), divorced, remarried Sue Watson (no issue).

Margaret E. , 1922, married William Lepper. Issue: Stephen and Timothy.

Robert D. , 1924, married Esther Crellar. Issue, three children: Dale E., 1949, married Joyce Lasher (issue — Michele, Douglas, Stacey), divorced, not remarried; Christine L., 1951, married Steve Sanford (issue — one daughter); Barry E., 1952, never married. Robert and Esther divorced. He remarried Carol Smith. No issue.

Doris G. , 1927, married Howard Seymoure. Issue: Tom, Barbara, and Caron.

Joyce , 1930, married George Brooks, who died in 1981. Issue, 11 children: Linda (1950–1952), Rickie 1951, Cassie 1952, George, Jr. (1954–1969, killed in an auto accident), Terry 1956, Gary 1957, Tammy 1960, Perry 1961, Randy 1963, Rodney 1964, and Becky Jo 1966.

Janet (1930–1976). Janet and Joyce were twins, and both had red hair as do some of their children. Janet married Nelson Scutt. Issue: Doran 1954, Eileen 1956, Albert 1960, Todd 1961, Amy 1964, Becky Jo and James Richard 1965 (only lived eight hours). Nelson also had four children when Janet married him. He deserted them all and Janet had to bring them up alone.

Richard Allen (1932–1982) married Betty Sears. Issue: Ronald and Laurie. Richard separated from Betty shortly before his death. He also was in the Air Force during the Korean War.

(4) Ralph Countryman (1897–1970), fourth child of John H., married Unice Stickler.

Edward G. Countryman (on the left) with friends, 1940.

Issue: Elizabeth, married Vincent Galloway (issue — Robert and Betty). Unice died and Ralph, or "Obie," as he was called, married Helen Demmon. No issue. Robert Galloway married Joan Striker (issue — Robert and Jeffery). Betty Galloway married Bob Atkins (issue — Cheryl, Robert, Laurie, Sue Ann, and Daniel). Cheryl Atkins married George Henderberg (issue — Laura, Johanna, and Andrew).

by Robert D. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, JOHN HENRY

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My mother, Ethelyn Maude Countryman, was married to John R. Wheaton, I think on July 24, 1897. I was the only child born to that union, on August 21, 1898. They were separated when I was three years of age. I lived with my grandmother, Mary Lutrecia (Williams) Countryman, married to John Henry Countryman (deceased), until I was seven years old, when my mother was remarried to Walter R. Keesey.

My grandmother, above, married Thomas Bott when I was about five years old. My mother had four brothers, Edward Sears Countryman, Alfred David Countryman, Wilfred (Ray?) Countryman, and Delbert Eugene Countryman; and I believe there was another girl, Rosie, just older than Uncle Ed, who died at the age of nine. Uncle Ed was the oldest of the boys.

Before coming to Redfield-Wescotta, the Countryman family lived in northern Iowa, I believe in both Kossuth County and Clay County. It seems after the death of Grandpa Countryman (John Henry) the real estate dealers foreclosed on the 80-acre farm where Grandma and family lived. They took everything they owned except for a team and wagon, and I think a cow, and personal belongings, clothing and furniture. They traveled by covered wagon and settled south of Redfield, Iowa, in a village of Wescotta, Iowa. This is where I was born and where I lived with Grandma Bott, whom I always called "Pomy." My uncles just worked at whatever thay could find to do in that area.

My stepgrandfather, Thomas Bott, opened a coal mine. I think it was east of Redfield and Wescotta, though I'm not sure how far — possibly eight or nine miles. Uncle Del worked with him in the coal mine; they made a living this way. Then Uncle Del worked on a farm near the mine for a man named Frank Orton. My uncle, Isaac Claude Countryman, worked at the brick and tile factory in Redfield for many years.

After I married William Fulton, we lived in the same house as Uncle Del and his family and worked by the month on a farm for the same Frank Orton for a year or two. We then moved northeast of Adel, Iowa, and lived and worked on the Nile Kinnick farm for two years. We drove a horse and buggy for our transportation to town and elsewhere for two or three years, then purchased a Ford sedan. I have a son and two daughters, Della and Violet.

by Grace Fulton

COUNTRYMAN, JOHN HENRY

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John Henry, of Jacob, of John Adam, of Conradt II, of Conradt I, of John Frederick.

John Henry, son of Jacob and Elizabeth, was born in April 1832 in Herkimer County, New York. He came west with his mother and

John Henry Countryman in his Union blues — the "Ol' Sharpshooter" of Company G (Michigan Volunteers).

father, four brothers and one sister, namely Alexander, Mary Catherine, (John Henry), David Alfred, Chauncey, and the youngest, William L. There also were others who came west, as we have been told, by way of the Great Lakes. Cousins, uncles, and brothers-in-law all moved westward, sometimes by foot, sometimes by other means.

We will follow the family in their westward travels as much as our records will tell.

John Henry was 30-plus years old when he was in the northern Illinois area, and he traveled to Niles, Wayne County, Michigan, to enlist on the 9th day of November 1863. His enlistment placed him in the Co. G, 1st Regiment of the Michigan Sharpshooters (Vols).

He was six feet tall, fair complexion, grey eyes, brown hair. He was a farmer. He was discharged from service in Washington, D.C., on September 4, 1865. Two years preceding his enlistment he had lived in Madison Township, Jones County, Iowa. Directly after his discharge he went to Monroe Center, Ogle County, Illinois. The census shows at this time (1850) there were many Countrymans in Ogle County, Illinois.

John Henry met and married Mary Lucretia Williams on the 19th of September 1867 in Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois. They moved from Ogle County, Illinois, to Wyoming, Jones County, Iowa, in November 1868, remaining there until the summer of 1873 when they moved to Clarion, Wright

County, Iowa.

It was there in Wright County, Iowa, that they competed their family: Edward Sears, July 27, 1869; David Albert, April 7, 1874; Wilfred Arthur, November 13, 1876; Delbert Eugene, September 6, 1878; child #5 unknown; child #6 unknown; Ethelyn Maude, January 15, 1881, was the seventh child; Isaac Claude, November 9, 1883.

John Henry's sister, Mary Catherine, and her husband, Jonas Miller, stayed in the Clarion, Iowa, area and are both buried there with other Millers.

Our records do not say why John Henry Countryman was in the Titonka area at the time of his death, but he died March 29, 1892, 60 years and 11 months old, at Buffalo Township, Titonka, Kossuth County, Iowa, and his grave is on a small hill just north of the largest pine tree in the Buffalo Township Cemetery. I am the proud owner of the Civil War marker that was on his grave for many years. When they removed a dead lilac bush, the broken marker was discovered. They replaced it with one from the shed. I learned of this grave location with the help of Mrs. Loren Hanson of Titonka after I told the cousin, Hazel Y. Haupt of Clarion, Iowa, that it was there. She went to Titonka and Mr. Loren Hanson took her to the cemetery and she was told where John Henry's grave was. Hazel is a great-granddaughter of John Henry's sister, Mary Catherine (Countryman) Miller.

by Donald P. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, JOHN HENRY & ALICE (ROUSH)

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John Henry, of Delbert Eugene, of John Henry, of Jacob, of John Adam, Sr., of Conradt II, of Georg Conradt I, of Johann Friedrich.

John Henry Countryman was born 16 August 1908 in Earlham, Iowa. He was married in 1931 to Alice Marceline Roush, born 3 July 1909.

John and Mart and ten children: Henry LeRoy, born 8 October 1932 in Winterset, Iowa; Minnie Louise, born 2 April 1934 in Adel, Iowa; David Alfred (Toby), born 2 October 1935 in Adel, Iowa; Floyd Carroll, born 29 April 1937 in Adel, Iowa; Jacob Edward, born 9 May 1939 in Earlham, Iowa; Jerry Dean, born 21 August 1940 in Earlham, Iowa; Dorothy Marcel, born 8 January 1944 in West Des Moines, Iowa; Rosetta Constance, born 23 February 1946 in West Des Moines, Iowa; John Albert, born 28 March 1949 in Des Moines, Iowa; and Roger Eugene, born 27 January 1953 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Jacob Edward died shortly after birth, Minnie Louise passed away in March of 1957, Alice Marceline on 18 November 1984, and John Henry on 24 November 1984. All are interred in the Earlham Cemetery in Earlham, Iowa.

Henry LeRoy was married 2 June 1952 to Mae Arlene Hyde, born 23 March 1935. They have five children, Debra, Pamela, Michael, James, and Donald. Debra Lee was born 9

Four generations, left to right: John Henry Countryman, David Alfred Countryman, and Dennis Lester Countryman holding Adam Taylor Countryman. Taken in 1979.

March 1955. She married David Hanson and they have one child, Nicole, born 19 July 1981. Pamela Mae was born 14 July 1956. She married Michael Keenan and they have two children, Daniel James, born 6 October 1978, and Christopher Michael, born 17 December 1980. Michael LeRoy, born 6 January 1960, is single. He is a member of the U.S. Army. James Edward, born 7 November 1964, married Nancy Lame on 17 July 1984, and they have one child, Andrea Kay, born 3 January 1985. Donald Kevin, born 12 March 1968, is presently a high school student.

Minnie Louise married Wayne Eugene Allen, and they had one child, Joyce Marie Allen, born 14 November 1956.

by David A. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, JOHN ROSCOE & BETTY (KNIGHT)

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The Wyoming Countrymans — John Roscoe, of Mark Ward, of Charles Raynor.

John Roscoe Countryman was born November 15, 1928, on a ranch near Fort Washakie, Wyoming. He was the youngest of nine children born to Mark Ward and Ida (Irvine) Countryman. Mark's father was Charles Raynor Countryman who came to Wyoming from Freeport, Illinois, with two brothers, Ed and Will. Ed went to Colorado and Will to Montana; beyond that . . . ?

John Roscoe Countryman married Betty Knight August 21, 1950, at Wind River, Wyoming. They have two daughters, Virginia Ann, born June 12, 1951, and Margaret Lee (Novotny), born October 15, 1952, and one son, John Roscoe, Junior, born December 8, 1953. Grandchildren are Brandi Rose Coun-

The John Roscoe Countryman family of Lander, Wyoming, taken September 4, 1971.

tryman, born April 13, 1983; Edward David Novotny, Jr., born August 8, 1980; and Ernest John Novotny, born January 7, 1984.

John and Betty Countryman now live on a ranch in Lyons Valley near Lander, Wyoming.

by John Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, JOHN WATKIN

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John Watkin, of Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of Johan Frederich.

John Watkin Countryman, son of Rachel Scott and Cornelius Countryman, was born in Liberty Township, Sullivan County, New York, on 11 September 1839. Known affectionately as "Watt" to his friends and relatives and "papa" to his wife and family, he was a tall, thin man, gentle and kind. Mom said he loved to sing and had a high tenor voice. He was a Civil War veteran and a widower with his nine-year-old son Bert when he met my grandmother, Miriam Angelina Clarke, who was born 27 August 1855 at Monroe, Green County, Wisconsin. They were married in Frankville, Winneshiek County, Iowa, on 12 March 1876.

On 13 December 1876 Miriam, or "Myra" as she was called by her family, gave birth to my mother Maude and her twin sister Mabel. On November 13, 1878, Walter Akers Clarke Countryman was born. On Sunday, 31 October 1881, Mabel, called Mamie, died. In the spring of 1879 "Papa" and his little family moved to Valley Springs, Minnehaha County, South Dakota, near Sioux Falls in a farming area. Son Gene was born 8 December 1880 and passed away 25 January 1882. My great-grandfather, Cornelius Countryman, who had been visiting the family, passed away in October 1881. He and little Gene were buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where several members of the Clarke family were buried.

In 1883 the family moved to a homestead site in McCook County, South Dakota, northwest of Salem. Here four more children were born to them: Dickey Lisle and his stillborn brother Laughram, born 25 May 1884; Florence Salome (Lomie), born 10 April 1886; and Charity Prudence (Chat or Chattie), born 25 January 1890. Walter Akers Clarke Countryman died 5 April 1892.

Bertram W. Countryman, son of Lydia Bowker and John Watkin Countryman, was

born 28 February 1867 in Grant County, Wisconsin. Lydia died 20 December 1874 in Anoka County, Minnesota. Bert married Alice Elizabeth Parkhurst 5 May 1888. Issue: Raymond Hugh, Olivia Florence, Frederick Neil, Lydia (1890–1891), and Edna (1903–1904).

Maude Countryman married George Emerick Scherer, Sr., on 18 December 1901, Geddes, South Dakota. Issue: Charles Walter, born 28 September 1902, died 17 August 1963; George Emerick, Jr., born 25 April 1904, died 12 June 1955; and Garnet LuVerne, born 27 June 1913, married George Stephen Tuttle, issue two sons, George Bruce and Charles Stephen.

Son Dick Countryman married Molly Delaney. Issue: Lisle Lee, died in infancy; Gladys Sabina, married a Lund, issue one son; and Walter Watkin, married Donna Hull. Walter had six children: Richard Lyle; Walter Vance (died in a car accident at age 16); Deborah; Bill Lee; Monte Kim; and Roxanne. Molly died 15 March 1930 and Dick died 22 March 1937. Both are buried at Colome, South Dakota.

Daughter Florence Salome married George Lewis Vance and resided at Armour, Owanka, and Sturgis, South Dakota. Issue: Henry, Vernon, and Mabelle. Son Henry Watkin Vance, born December 1908, married Stella Wilson. Their three adopted children were Michael Ray, William Lloyd, and Karen Ann. Henry died about 1957–58. Son Vernon Clarke Vance, born 1911, married, now resides in San Marcos, California. Issue: LaVonne and twin sons, Larry and Gary. Daughter Mabelle Vance, born 6 October 1919, married Desmond Yetter. Issue: Sandra. Des Yetter was killed aboard ship in World War II. She then married William Winchell. Issue: William and a daughter. Lomie and George Vance are both buried in a Newell, South Dakota, cemetery.

Daughter Charity married Jay Yohe and resided in Denver, Colorado, where the couple divorced and where Charity worked as a seamstress in a shirt factory for many years. Issue: Farrell, Arthur, son who died in infancy, Raymond, James Watkin (Jimmy), twins Forrest and Florence, twins Vera and Vernon. We have not heard from this family for years.

The mystery of a younger Gene is easily explained, although it was a deep, dark secret for years. Born out of wedlock to Florence Salome in 1905–06, he was legally adopted by the J.W. Countrymans. His father's name was never known and, much to our sorrow, his mother never told him or her other children, although some of them learned of the relationship. Due to some misunderstanding Gene has never wanted contact with the family. His wife Beverly is deceased and I believe he has three children. Gene worked for many years for the electric company in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, where he resides.

Miriam Countryman was a fine pioneer mother. She was a crack rifle shot and helped to put meat on the table. Prairie chickens, grouse, etc., were plentiful and no license was needed. In later years she cared for her ailing husband "Watt", who was an invalid for 13 years. She raised a big garden and I can remember her beautiful flowers, especially her row of pansies always along the north side of her house. Her garden and back yard were like a well-kept park in a city. Her little house in Armour, South Dakota, was still there a few years back when we went through the little town. She died 15 October 1936 in Owanka, South Dakota. Watt Countryman died 25 August 1921, Armour, South Dakota. Both are buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

by Mrs. Garnet Tuttle

COUNTRYMAN, JOSEPH & GUNDA (OMITT)

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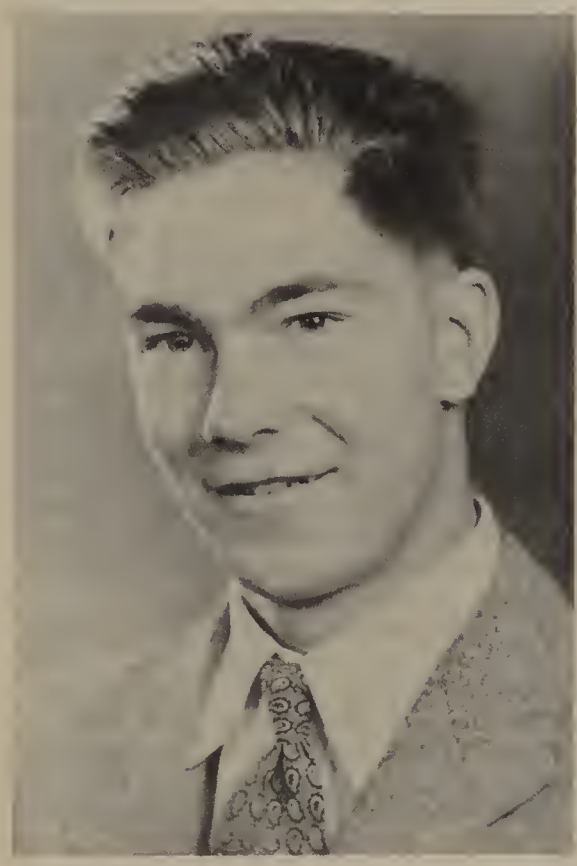
Joseph, of Delbert, of John Henry, of Joseph, of John Adam, of Conradt II, of Conradt I, of John Frederick.

Joseph Donald was the first child of



Delbert Harris Countryman (son of Joseph and Gunda Countryman) was killed on a motorcycle in 1948 when he was only 20 years old.

Delbert and Lydia. He was born in Dallas County, Iowa, on January 21, 1901, and would have been 85 years old today as I write this story on January 21, 1986.

Joseph Donald married Gunda Ottelia Omitt. Their family was as follows: (1) Delbert Harris, born May 29, 1928, died in April 1948; (2) Donald Wayne, born April 27, 1931, married Susie Mae Bainter; (3) Ward Dale, born April 30, 1934.

by Donald P. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, JOSEPH & NANCY (GREEN)

F211

In Memory of my Grandparents

I visited in the country west of Plainfield, Illinois, as I was growing up. They had two or three cows and chickens, a huge garden, and an orchard with apples, pears, peaches, plums, and cherries, and also berry bushes.

They had ten children who married and left home. Joseph and Nancy sold butter, eggs, and berries to people in the town. They had a well with an old-fashioned square wooden pump, which had to be primed when water was needed. Grandmother kept her milk and cream and butter in containers which she hung in the well; it was as cold as an icebox. The well was full of fresh spring

Mrs. Nancy Ellen (Green) Countryman with her youngest son, Edward S. Countryman, taken in 1919 at her home in Plainfield, Illinois.

water.

We were allowed to eat all the fruit we wanted from the trees, but could never throw an apple core or pit in the yard under grandfather's strict orders.

When grandfather worked in his barn, he would sing his favorite song, "Rally Round the Flag."

Their youngest son was the only one in World War I: Edward S. Countryman, Pvt. 2, Co. Coast Artillery, Panama, born November 1, 1892, died October 3, 1954.

Joseph Countryman had 22 grandsons and great-grandsons in different branches of the military service.

by Ida B. (Countryman) Campbell, granddaughter

COUNTRYMAN, JOSEPH & SOPHIA (BECKER)

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Mrs. Sophia (Becker) Countryman with three of her granddaughters, taken in 1903 shortly before Sophia died. Standing left to right: Bessie, Mary (Patterson) Steinquist, and Sophia (Countryman) Dew.

The earliest written knowledge I have of my Countryman great-grandparents begins in the year 1842. Joseph and Sophia (Becker) Countryman bought two and a half acres in Clay, New York, but one year later sold their land and went west to Lockport, Illinois. They travelled in a flat-bottomed boat, pulled by a small horse, by way of the Erie Canal, down to the old drainage canal, later named the Illinois and Michigan Canal (I & M).

Sophia had a sister who lived in Lockport at that time and her last name was Bond. Lockport is so named because of the series of

Charles Countryman, Private, enlisted November 16, 1861, 2nd Art. Barnetts Bat., three years, Co. 1. Transferred and enlisted at Mansfield, Ohio, October 25, 1862, Co. E, 125 Regt. O.V.I. Discharged July 20, 1864, for disability. Charles was the son of Joseph and Sophia Countryman.

locks built there and was a well-known town even in those days. Many people chose this port to settle after their long trip from the east.

My great-grandparents spoke German and my grandfather, who was only two years old when they moved to Plainfield, Illinois (just northwest of Lockport), didn't speak English until he started school. My mother ofter said my grandfather believed that people should speak the language of the country where they live.

My great-grandfather, Joseph, was born July 4, 1811, and died August 31, 1901. My great-grandmother, Sophia, was born September 7, 1813, and died on November 1, 1903. They were both 90 years old when they died.

Joseph purchased five acres of land in the township of Plainfield where he worked as a mason and carpenter. He built chimneys and did all types of carpentry.

Sophia grew many berry bushes and sold the berries to the local store. She also made jellies and jams. They owned one cow and some chickens. Sophia was a lover of flowers and planted many varieties in her yard. My mother told me that on Sundays, when people went out for buggy rides, many would often stop for a few minutes to admire her garden.

When my great-grandparents left New York, they had five children. Juliana was born in 1832 and died in 1848 at age 16. Peter was born in 1835. Margaret was born in 1836 and died in 1915. Malinda was born in 1838. Joseph, Jr. (my grandfather) was born March 28, 1841, and died August 31, 1921.

After Joseph and Sophia settled in Plainfield, they had six more children. Charles H. joined the service during the Civil War and served with the Ohio Inf., Co. E. 125 Inf. Frederick left Plainfield and went west to Oklahoma to homestead. Mary, who married a man named Burdick, also settled in Oklahoma. Harriet married Mr. Lee and had one son named Edward who remained a bachelor. Frank was born in 1856 and died from a heart ailment at age 40 in 1896. He was married and had one son, Earl, and a daughter, Belle.

Malinda moved to Little Rock, Arkansas, when she was young. Peter moved to Etna-Green, Indiana. He also served in the Civil War and was with Sherman's march to the sea.

by Luella Pankow

COUNTRYMAN, JOSEPH DODGE

F213

Joseph, of Eli, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Joseph Dodge Countryman, son of Eli and Patience (Payne) Countryman, married Miss Pamelia Millie Davis, born at Princeton, California, September 29, 1870, at Wyandotte, Butte County, California, August 26, 1887. They resided at Bangor, Butte County, California.

Six children were born to them: Charles Eli Countryman, July 20, 1888, at Bangor, California; Clifford Samuel Countryman, February 19, 1897, at Bangor, California (His story is given separately.); Allie Beryl Countryman, born 1898 at Baker, Oregon; Franklin Davis Countryman, born October 26, 1900, at Challenge, California; Maude Elizabeth Countryman, September 4, 1902, Challenge, California; and Joseph Delbert Countryman, born December 26, 1904, also at Challenge. (His story is to be sent in by Joseph Delbert Countryman, Jr.)

Charles Eli Countryman married Mrs. Jenny Theresa Rogers, August 26, 1915, at Red Bluff, California. A son, Charles Douglas Countryman, was born January 3, 1922, at Chico, California. Jenny Theresa passed away April 20, 1926, buried at Chico, California. Beryl Carlton, an aunt, reared this boy until after he graduated from high school. He enlisted in the Air Force and made 50 missions over Germany, then returned to America. He resides at Folsom, California. Charles Eli Countryman married a second time to Mrs. Cora Crosby of Oregon. She died of cancer, date unknown. No issue of this marriage. Charles Eli passed away January 8, 1948, at Sacramento, California, and is buried at East Lawn Cemetery, Scaramento.

Allie Beryl Countryman was born December 8, 1898, at Baker, Oregon. She married Mr. Cleo David Carlton (born January 26, 1899, at Seattle, Washington) at Sacramento, California, April 24, 1918. They resided at Oroville, California. No issue. He died November 3, 1970, at Brentwood, Contra Certa County, California, and was buried there.

Franklin Davis Countryman married Miss Betty Elenor Reed, born in 1902, at Yuba City, California. She died the summer of 1929 at Sacramento, California, buried in Bangor, California, in the Reed family plot. No issue. They were married October 8, 1921. Franklin Davis Countryman married Mrs. Lillian Daniels. No date of this marriage, no issue. Franklin Davis Countryman married Miss Margaret Marie Kane of Marysville, Yuba County, California in Washington state. No dates, no issue. She passed away at Marysville, California, September 10, 1976.

Frank passed away at Lou Bonham's home of a heart attack on June 13, 1958, and was buried at Oroville, California.

Joseph Delbert Countryman wed Miss Mildred Ramona Sweeney, born October 11, 1911, at Oroville, California, on November 14, 1927. Three children were born to this union: Ramona Delberta (Countryman) Lange, born September 15, 1928, at Oroville, Butte County, California; William Earl Countryman, born March 22, 1934; and Joseph Delbert Countryman, Jr., born May 1, 1943, at Oroville, Butte County, California. This child was born one month after his father was killed at Monterey, California, while completing an air strip during World War II. These were our youngest brother's family.

by Maude Pierce

COUNTRYMAN, JOSEPH DODGE & PAMELIA (DAVIS)

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Joseph Dodge Countryman and Pamelia Millie Countryman.

Joseph, of Eli, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st.

There is always a new beginning for those who choose to marry, and so this came to pass when Joseph Dodge Countryman wed Miss Pamelia Millie Davis of Gridley, Butte County, California, whose parents were Samuel J. and Allie Davis. Her father was county treasurer of Butte County, holding two terms from 1875 to 1879. His mother and grandmother owned and operated the hotel at Bangor and this was the residence of the couple who were wed at Wyandotte, Butte County, California, on August 26, 1887.

A son was born in 1888 and the following spring they went to Montana where he carried the mail into the Yellowstone, as his Uncle Horace Countryman was the founder of Columbus, Montana, and the postmaster. They were in Montana for some time and Mother told us stories of the Indians there at that time.

They returned to Bangor, California, and in the year of 1897 another son was born to them, Clifford Samuel Countryman. Soon they made a trip to Oregon by horse and wagon and the stork finally caught up with them and delivered a baby girl on December 8, 1898, Allie Beryl Countryman. Returning to California, they learned that the town of Bangor had burned and his mother had homesteaded in the Challenge, California, area.

Father and Mother bought a ranch and decided to settle down. They raised Angora goats for their wool and Father hired out in Marysville, California, to a draying firm as a driver taking supplies to the mines. These teams had bells on their harnesses so the teams coming down the mountain could hear the one coming up and they would pull out of the road so the one coming up could pass as they were carrying heavy supplies to the mines.

Our place was a large two-story house with a white fence. A son, Franklin Davis, was born in 1901. They lived there only a few miles from where Grandmother's homestead was, and in December 1901 she passed away and was buried at Indiana Ranch, Dobbins, California.

We lived there until the stork delivered two other children, myself in September 1902 and my brother, Joseph Delbert Countryman. We lived at this place and dearly loved it. We often went back to take our mother there for an outing. We moved to Gridley for school and later to Oroville, as the mining fever had struck this place and at one time there were dredgers everyplace. My father worked on the one Laurence Gardella built, and my father later went to Redding where this man built another dredger, but we stayed in Oroville in school.

Things I remember — looking through a piece of smoked glass to see the comet with a long tail; the earthquake at San Francisco; and the bad Oroville flood where Wolfs Grocery Store had the water mark near the ceiling. Also, we were living in the Gridley area and they had wooden sidewalks and the flood water was every place but the sidewalk. I remember the paving of Myers Street in 1922 and the removal of all the porches from the downtown area. We lived in the Oro Vista area. The dredgers dug up Almond Orchard at Oroville and Myers Street was a dirt road where Curriers Square stands today.

Our place burned due to some Greek who planted tobacco on the race track; they rented the house next to ours. There was an explosion and the two large places burned. My father cleaned the first right-of-way for the first steel P.G.&E. poles through Oroville in 1920. We lost our mother November 22, 1921, and she was placed with her family at Gridley.

This completes my story as all of our family have perished but my sister and myself. We reside at Oroville, California, only a few miles from where I was born. This property is now owned by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

by Maude Elizabeth (Countryman) Pierce

COUNTRYMAN, JOSEPH, JR.

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Civil War Record

My grandfather, Joseph Countryman, Jr., enlisted in the service from Will County,

Joseph Countryman, Private, enlisted April 19, 1861, and was discharged in 1865 at the end of the Civil War.

Illinois, April 19, 1861. He was mustered into the U.S. service at Cairo, Illinois, on April 29, 1861, as a private of Co. K-10th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry under Capt. E. McAllister and Col. J.D. Morgan, to serve three months or duration of war. He was honorably discharged on July 29, 1861.

He re-enlisted August 1, 1862, in Co. 3, 100th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry under Capt. A.A. Maden and Col. F.A. Bartleson to serve three years or duration of war. The regiment was assigned to the Neiston Division, 4th Corp. Army of the Cumberland and participated in the following engagements:

1862—Perryville, October 8; Mission, November 25; Stone River, Tennessee, December 31.

1863—Chickamuga, Georgia, January 2 (Joseph was wounded in the right leg, below the knee, at this battle); Buzzards Roost, Georgia, February 25–27; Rock Face Ridge, Georgia, May 5–9; Resaca, Georgia, May 13–16; Adairsville, Georgia, May 17–18; Cassvilles, Georgia, May 19–22; Dallas, Georgia, May 25–June 4; Kenesay Mt., Georgia, June 9–30; Neckajack Creek, Georgia, July 2–5; Peach Tree, Georgia, July 20; Atlanta, Georgia, July 28–September 2; Spring Hill, Tennessee, November 29; Franklin, Tennessee, November 30.

1864—Chattahoochie River, Tennessee, July 4 (Joseph received gunshot wounds that caused the loss of his right eye. He lay in a hospital for two months. Afterward he spent six months on ambulance duty.)

1865—Joseph received final discharge on July 3 in Chicago, Illinois, at the end of the war.

by Luella Pankow

COUNTRYMAN, JOSEPH, JR. & NANCY (GREEN)

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Sons and daughters of Luella and Robert Countryman. Standing left to right: Clyde Countryman, Paul Countryman, and Jack Countryman, Sr. Seated left to right: Leah (Countryman) Goetzka and Luella (Countryman) Pankow. These are grandchildren of Joseph, Jr. and Nancy (Green) Countryman. The photo was taken March 17, 1981, at the funeral of Nathan Countryman.

Joseph, Jr., of Joseph.

My grandfather, Joseph Countryman, Jr., was born on March 28, 1841, in Onondaga County, New York, and died August 31, 1921, in Plainfield, Illinois.

He married Nancy Ellen Green on May 19, 1872, in Na-Au-Say Township (near Palinfield). The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. Arthur G. Bloomfield, Minister of the Gospel.

Nancy Ellen (Green) Countryman was born September 1, 1851, in Plainfield and died at her home there on May 6, 1937. She is buried in the Plainfield cemetery.

Nancy and Joseph were the parents of nine children, all born in Palinfield.

Joseph III was born December 7, 1872, and died February 19, 1903.

John M. was born May 5, 1874, and died in 1952.

Sophia was born August 6, 1877. She married George Dew in 1899 and bore him three children, George, Jr., Charles, and Edna. Sophia died in 1931.

Robert Daniel was born October 21, 1879, and died June 5, 1958. On August 15, 1899, Robert married Luella Rogers of Plainfield and they were the parents of 13 children.

Mary Ellen was born June 6, 1881, and died in 1962. She married William Patterson and had three children, Josephine, Robert, and Charles.

Charles Countryman was born July 19, 1884, and died in 1965. He married Emma Donavan and they had seven children.

Bessie was born August 19, 1886, and died in 1912 at the age of 26. She was single.

Harrison was born March 16, 1888, and died April 2, 1933.

Edward was born November 1, 1892, and died on October 3, 1954. He married his brother Harrison's widow and they had one daughter, Nancy Ellen, who married a man named Minich; they now live in Iowa and have two sons.

by Luella Pankow

COUNTRYMAN, KENNETH

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Gretchen and Kenneth Countryman.

Kenneth, of Kenneth, of Jay.

Kenneth Barney Countryman was born February 13, 1899, in St. Johnsville, New York, and died April 7, 1975, in Dolgeville, New York. In his youth, he worked for the Erie Barge Canal, caring for the mules. Later he studied electricity, was a mechanic, and also worked for the railroad. He owned and operated a gas station in St. Johnsville for many years. His parents were Jay and Maggie (Howe) Countryman. (See page 100 of the 1925 *Countryman Genealogy* .)

Kenneth's first wife was Lillian Evans, who died in September 1923, eight months after the birth of their only child, Mary Margaret (born January 9, 1923). Mary Margaret married Robert Sleezer and later divorced him. She had one child, Linda Lu Countryman (born July 29, 1956). Mary Margaret lives in Dolgeville, New York. Linda Lu married Ryan Griffin on September 26, 1981. They have one son, Adam Ryan (born March 26, 1983), and live in Emmonsburg, New York.

Kenneth's second wife was Dorothy Elizabeth Youker, who was born February 1, 1912. She was associated with the garment industry most of her life. They were married April 18, 1930. They had five children, EvaDean, Jay, Kenneth, Gerald, and Douglas. The young family lived in St. Johnsville, New York.

EvaDean June Countryman (born June 17, 1931) married Raymond Joseph Andrilla (born March 29, 1930) on August 18, 1955. They had three children, Blaze, Michele, and Roy. Blaze Joseph (born September 22, 1956) married Linda Slater and they had one child, Raymond Donald (born May 1, 1980). Michele Andrea (born August 24, 1961) and Roy Raymond (born January 8, 1967) are unmarried at this time. They live in the St. Johnsville and Little Falls area. EvaDean is a housewife and Raymond is retired after 20 years from the navy as a chief petty officer.

Jay Roy Countryman (born August 30, 1933) married Marylou Barker (born November 28, 1949) on April 21, 1970. They have three children, Jay Allen (born October 14, 1970), Michael Lynn (born January 7, 1972), and Patrick Scott (born September 21, 1973). Jay was supervisor in the brush department of the Palatine Dying Company for over 20 years and presently works construction. He served in the army in the Korean War. They live in St. Johnsville, New York.

Kenneth Seward Countryman (born December 5, 1935) married Gretchen Lou Loesch (born February 21, 1942) on July 9, 1966. They have two sons, Louis Ernest (born November 20, 1967) and Eric Jon (born March 10, 1970). Kenneth served in the Air Force for 12 years and has now served in the Air Force Reserves for the past 13 years. His rank is chief master sergeant. In his Civil Service position, he serves as a field maintenance supervisor. Gretchen has taught third grade for over 20 years. She is also a professional clown, called "Kookie," and a breeder and trainer of miniature Schnauzers. The family lives in Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

Gerald Edward Countryman (born June 30, 1938) married Jean Kich (born July 1, 1942) on September 28, 1968. They are the parents of five children: Jeanette (born May 16, 1969), Jacqueline (born October 7, 1970), Janice (born December 7, 1971), Jeri Paula (born June 26, 1975), and Jerome (born August 27, 1977). Gerald was in the army for three years and is a carpenter. Jean is a secretary. They live in St. Johnsville, New York.

Douglas Robert Countryman (born November 15, 1940) married Joyce Perry on June 30, 1962. They were divorced in July of 1965. There were no children. On August 31, 1968, Douglas married Leslie Lake. They had two children, Richard Douglas (born September 21, 1972) and Thomas Paul (born September 11, 1974, and died September 26, 1974). Douglas has spent his working career in the banking industry and is currently a vice presidential manager for a major California bank. Leslie was educated as a medical technician and is currently a housewife. They live in Lakewood, California.

by Gretchen Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, L.E.

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This is an extension of the Edwin Countryman line, recorded on page 256 of the 1925 *Countryman Genealogy* .

The L.E. Countryman line had its beginning on October 2, 1902, at Hooppole, Illinois. The town was named after its first industry, the making of barrel hoops from the abun-

L.E. Countryman.

dant scrub willows; the hoops were then hung on a pole until sold.

He married Alma Lucille Weber on December 14, 1924. She was born November 29, 1904, and died June 3, 1968. Their children are Duane, Kenneth, Ronald, and Charlene.

Duane William Countryman was born December 31, 1927, at Geneseo, Illnois. He married Carolyn Ruth Lofdahl on February 23, 1951. She was born April 14, 1930. They had five children, all born at Rockford, Illinois: (1) Charles Leslie Countryman (born April 9, 1951) married Peggy Ann Hughes (born November 7, 1954) on October 9, 1971. Their children are Kimberly Shawn (March 8, 1972), Brian Leslie (January 11, 1980), and Kevin Charles (December 15, 1983). (2) Curtis Lowell Countryman (born September 15, 1952) married Kathleen Elizabeth Larson (born April 17, 1952) on November 3, 1973. Their children include a stillborn son (June 24, 1974), Andra Joy (September 9, 1975), Aaron Lowell (February 19, 1977), and Mary Elizabeth (October 20, 1980). (3) Duane William Countryman, Jr. (born March 8, 1954) married La Donna Kay Mattingly (born January 1, 1958) on January 5, 1974. Their children are Duane William III (February 5, 1975), the only one with a passion for research like his great-grandfather, and De Anna Kay (March 15, 1978). (4) Dale Wesley Countryman (born May 12, 1955) married Ruth Ann Dow (born June 24, 1955) on June 25, 1977. (5) Richard Alan Countryman (born April 30, 1957) married Debra Carolyn Wickline (born November 4, 1957) on June 9, 1979.

Kenneth Lowell Countryman was born January 25, 1932, at Geneseo, Illinois. On November 15, 1959, he married Sandra Diane Swanstrum, who was born September 10, 1939. Their daughter is Debra Ann, born January 5, 1961, at Rockford, Illinois.

Ronald Alan Countryman was born in Rockford on July 13, 1937, and married Alyce Frances Weir (born November 3, 1935) on June 18, 1960, at Greenville, South Carolina. Their three children are: Kay Denise (September 15, 1961) who married Rev. Stanley Miller (May 15, 1960) on June 16, 1984; Judith Carol (February 26, 1965); and Bruce Alan (April 5, 1970), born at Rockford, Illinois.

After drawing three Jacks, the next was a Queen, Charlene Lucille Countryman, born September 16, 1939, at Rockford. She married David Edward Reckless (born February 28, 1935) on August 17, 1962. Their children, Scott David (January 20, 1964), Dale Steven (October 4, 1966), and Diane Michele (January 7, 1969), were born at Willow Grove, Pennsylvania.

L.E. remarried on June 27, 1970, to Betty Bryant, who was born at Centerville, Iowa, on December 20, 1925.

L.E., as he was called, never knew the time he did not believe Jesus was the Son of God and received him as savior at about the age of 11. When a junior in high school, he experienced what Wesley called the second blessing. In searching vainly for the cause of the empty feeling within, he finally prayed the prayer of submission, "Jesus, you just take over," and he was filled with his presence.

It was while in the seventh grade that he read *Uncle Abner's Legacy* and his love for the land was born. About the same time he began his earning career, 10¢ per week delivering a widow's cow to and from pasture. Soon after that he worked on his uncle's farm during the summer and realized that was the slot in which he fitted, although he found there were many moves and the crush of the bank created Great Depression between the call and the fulfillment of being able to farm God's way, giving the land its Sabbatical rest by using a seven-year rotation. It worked fine, encouraging the production of earthworms, the intestine of the soil, controlling erosion and diseases and some pests, besides providing sufficient straw for loose housing, enabling him to have the cleanest cows in the country.

He also attended Western Union College, Le Mars, Iowa, for one year, which was a cultural advantage but not financially productive. He was encouraged and helped to strike out on his own by his father-in-law but both soon discovered that 1926 with the tide going out was different from 1902 with the tide coming in and he hit bottom in 1934 with the rest of the young farmers, but managed to salvage enough to keep going by moving to Rockford where Guernsey milk could be sold to milk stations on the outskirts at the premium price of $1.45 per hundred and so struggled on until his dream was realized in 1948 when he purchased the farm his folks had purchased in 1929.

Being born a "P.K." just after the turn of the century with a passion for research, he had a ringside seat from which to observe the three fingers of the departure from the faith, the Great Apostacy, the Decline of Our Republic, and the Rise of Communism, all undergirded by political Zionism. In 1978 he authored a small booklet "Power," its source use and abuse, a study in bona fide and non-bona fide authority.

He also witnessed three miracles worthy to be remembered. He was told in high school by the doctor that he should not attempt basketball because of lung problems including asthma. Because of the small size of the school there would not be enough to play, so he played anyway. As a result he never had another attack for 47 years and none since then.

Then in 1933 he had a pleurisy seizure that was not uncommon but this one held him bound over for six hours and could not be cracked loose. He just cried out in the middle of the barnyard, "Lord, if you have any more use for me, you are going to have to take that thing out," and he did instantly, lifting it out just behind the collar bone. He could feel it go, never to return.

Then a few years later he was terribly depressed as he returned from church, and throwing himself on the bed agonized over what to do. The minister had just declared that Jesus was not born of a virgin. Suddenly in a vision he was sitting on the edge of the bed and the angel of the Lord appeared. He was hidden in a cloud of glory from the paps upward and pointing to the open bible with a flaming two-edged sword said, "Ye have the scripture," and he was gone. Yes, we have a living God.

by L.E. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, LARRY & NANCY (WEATHERS)

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The Larry Countryman family.

Larry, of Lloyd.

Larry Charles Countryman, the first born son of Lloyd and Edna Earle (Neer) Countryman, was born June 28, 1948, in Kansas City, Kansas. At the age of five months, the family moved back to Iowa on a farm three miles east of Moville on Highway 20 in Arlington Township. Larry helped his dad milk cows during his school years. In May 1966 he graduated from Woodbury Central High School in Moville.

On June 10, 1967, he was joined in marriage to Nancy Lynn Weathers at the Federated Methodist Church in Moville, Iowa.

Nancy was the first born and only daughter of Richard Joseph and Phyllis Margret (Christensen) Weathers of Aurelia, Iowa. She had three brothers, Joseph Walter, Dennis Raymond, and Richard James Weathers.

From this union two sons and one daughter were born. Kelly Charles was born January 31, 1968, in Sioux City, Iowa; Christen James was born July 2, 1972, in Omaha, Nebraska; and Katie Lynn was born February 2, 1979, in Sioux City, Iowa.

Larry attended and graduated from Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, in 1970. He played four years of football for Morningside, and graduated *cum laude* with a B.A.

degree. Larry became a certified public accountant in 1972. In 1978 he bacame a partner with a public accounting firm, Williams & Co., in Sioux City, Iowa.

by Larry Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, LARRY & PEG (HARRIS)

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Logan Earl Routledge, son of Kimberly (Countryman) Routledge, grandson of Larry and Peg Countryman, and great-grandson of Elmer Collins and Lenora "Dolly" Countryman. Photo taken in Colton, Oregon, in 1985, at the age of five.

Jeremy Joshua Routledge, son of Kimberly (Countryman) Routledge, grandson of Larry and Peg Countryman, and great-grandson of Elmer Collins and Lenora "Dolly" Countryman. Photo taken in Colton, Oregon, in 1985 at the age of eight.

The Wyoming Countrymans — Elmer Larry, of Elmer Collins, of Don Roscoe, of Charles Raynor.

Elmer "Larry" Countryman (6-28-40) was born in Rawlins, Wyoming, the son of Elmer Collins Countryman (1912–1976) and Lenora Delores (Faris) Countryman (1-7-16). He joined a loving sister, Donna Fay (3-13-36).

My family moved to Sheridan, Oregon, in 1945 to join my father, Elmer, who was stationed at Camp Adair Army Base just outside of Monmouth, Oregon. In 1946, when my father was released from the army, we rented a small house in northwest Sheridan for one year. We then moved to Madison Street in Sheridan, where my mother still resides. I went to Sheridan Grade School and Sheridan High School, from which I graduated in 1958. After graduation I went to work in a sawmill in Willamina, Oregon, where my father had worked for several years.

On 6-27-59 I married my grade school and high school sweetheart, Peggy Marie Harris (6-28-41), daughter of Iloff Branson Harris (1901–1970) and Helene (Haenny) Harris (10-15-11). We were blessed with two daughters, Kimberly Kae (12-24-59), born in McMinnville, Oregon, and Deanna Lynn, born in Springfield, Oregon, on 6-29-63.

We lived in Sheridan until 1962 when the mill where I worked went on strike and I moved my family to Springfield, Oregon, and found a job in Georgia Pacific Plywood. We lived there until late summer of 1963 when Georgia Pacific went on strike also and I moved my family back to Sheridan to be by our parents. Shortly after our move back to Sheridan I started to look for a job that was steadier than the timber industry.

In 1965 we moved to Portland, Oregon, where I had obtained a job with Northwest Natural Gas Company (where I still work). We lived in Portland until 1975 when I was transferred to the Tualatin, Oregon, branch of the company. We then bought ten acres in Sherwood, a small town southwest of Portland, and built our new home.

Kimberly Kae and Timothy Earl Routledge were married 9-17-76. Tim is the son of Earl and Lucy Routledge of Sherwood, Oregon. Tim has been in concrete construction since graduating from Sherwood High School. This marriage produced two sons, Jeremy Joshua (3-4-77) and Logan Earl (1-20-80). The boys go to Colton Grade School where Jeremy is in the second grade and Logan is in kindergarten. Kimberly and Tim divorced in 1980 and Kim now lives in Lincoln City, Oregon, and works in a jewelry store part time and is also a part-time bartender. Kim plays pool on a team in her spare time and does very well.

Family picture of E. Larry Countryman, his wife, Peg Marie (Harris) Countryman, and their children, Kimberly, age 10, and Deanna, age 7. Photo was taken in Portland, Oregon, in 1970.

Deanna Lynn graduated from Sherwood High School in 1982 and went to work for General Electric Credit Corporation, where she had worked summers for the previous four years. She married Alan Julian Chavez (2-1-54), only son of Alfred Julian Chavez and Joan (Coryell) Chavez, on 10-15-84. Alan graduated from Tigard High School with the class of 1975. Alan and Deanna have just bought a new home in Sherwood and spend their time working on their home and riding motorcycles. Alan works for his father at Al Chavez Lumber Sales in Sherwood, and Deanna works for Shindiawa, a power tool company in Sherwood. Their hobbies include riding motorcycles, bowling, fishing, and hunting.

I suffered a heart attack in March of 1984 and the doctors did a triple by-pass (open heart surgery) and I have felt better than ever since that time. Peg and I still live happily in Sherwood and enjoy fishing, hunting, bowling, and jeep racing. We have been racing through the Pacific Northwest 4-Wheel Drive Association for approximately ten years, throughout Oregon and Washington. We have been fortunate in having a hobby that we enjoy so much, and we still pick up quite a few trophies and gifts along the way. The last year or so we have taken up fishing again

and have spent many weekends trying to catch the elusive salmon, steelhead and sturgeon.

by Elmer "Larry" Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, LAWRENCE & EVELYN (JACKSON)

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Evelyn and Lawrence Countryman, taken in 1975 at Yakima, Washington.

Lawrence, of Lawrence O.

Lawrence Oliver Countryman, Jr., son of Lawrence O. and Pearl (Spencer) Countryman, was born January 23, 1907, near the little town of Mellette, South Dakota. His parents moved to a farm near Webster, where he received his first five years of education in a rural school.

The family moved to Ipswich, South Dakota, where they lived for a year or more, then moved to a farm near Ipswich known as the "Homeland Stock Farm." Lawrence, along with his brother Dennis and two sisters, Ruby and Doris, did the usual boy and girl farm chores. They attended school at Ipswich and each graduated from Ipswich High School. Lawrence affiliated with the First Baptist Church and later the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

He attended the Northern State Teachers College, Aberdeen, South Dakota, where he met Evelyn Jackson in 1930. They both became rural school teachers and were married at Lebanon, South Dakota, June 20, 1934.

For three years Lawrence and Evelyn lived in a small house on the Beebe school ground where Evelyn taught. Lawrence taught a school five miles from the Beebe school. In the fall and spring his transportation was a Model A Ford, but deep snow and blizzards in the winter made it necessary to ride his horse "Comanche." Fortunately there were small barns at both schools. On two occasions severe blizzards made it impossible to come home, so he spent the night with a farm family near the school.

Lawrence and Evelyn moved to the state of Washington in 1937. They took charge of the boys' dormitory at the Yakima Indian Christian Mission near White Swan. The mission, sponsored by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), provided a home for Indian children so they could attend school at White Swan. At this time Lawrence and Evelyn became members of the First Christian Church in Yakima.

Their daughter, Carol Ann, was born July 19, 1938. Lawrence attended Central Washington College of Education at Ellensburg, Washington, where he received his bachelor's degree in education. Evelyn and Carol remained at the mission and Lawrence came home each weekend.

The family moved to Thorp, Washington, where Lawrence taught two years. Then they moved to Yakima where Lawrence and Evelyn both taught in the city schools for 25 years. By attending summer school Lawrence earned a master's degree in education and Evelyn completed her fifth year of college.

Lawrence taught four years in an elementary school, five years in junior high, and 15 years at Davis High School. His last year of teaching was particularly rewarding to him. He was the first teacher at "The Place," an alternative school for high school drop-outs. Lawrence was known by his peers for his understanding of young people with problems and his ability to help them. He retired in 1970 after 34 years of teaching.

There is now a Lawrence Countryman Scholarship Fund for the purpose of encouraging a graduating senior from The Place to seek further education. Several organizations and individuals continue to contribute to the fund.

Evelyn retired from teaching in 1972. Both Lawrence and Evelyn continued to be active in the Christian Church. Lawrence enjoyed art, photography, trailering and traveling. He died October 10, 1980.

Carol Ann Countryman married James L. Moore. He has a master's degree in education and serves as a counselor in junior high. Carol Ann attended Central Washington College of Education and is the secretary for the early childhood programs in the Yakima schools. They have three married children, Leanne, Douglas, and Janice.

by Evelyn Countryman

Josephine (Smith) Countryman, Lawrence Albert Countryman, and their daughter Edna June, taken in 1934.

COUNTRYMAN, LAWRENCE & JOSEPHINE (SMITH)

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Lawrence, of Delbert, of John Henry, of Joseph, of John Adam, of Conradt II, of Conradt I, of John Frederick.

Lawrence Albert was the fourth child of Delbert and Lydia. He was born November 10, 1906, in Wiscottia, Dallas County, Iowa.

He married Josephine Alice Smith on January 14, 1923, in Des Moines, Iowa, and to this union were born three daughters as follows: (1) Edna June, born November 5, 1932; (2) Verna Jean, born October 16, 1938; (3) Ruth Ilene, born March 22, 1943.

Uncle Lawrence was an outdoors person, hunting and fishing and living in the woods, so to speak. They were like the "little house on the prairie" only their house was in the timber. They lived down by the mouth of the Bear Creek for a time on what was known as the Stanley property.

I remember when the five of them lived in the 40 acres of timber just south of the south Rqccoon River. It was fun to go and stay with them and go hunting or ride the old horse or just be out in the timber.

They moved to Earlham, Iowa, and Lawrence worked for the stockyards. They were treating some sick sheep and Uncle Lawrence got sick and went to the university hospital in Iowa City, Iowa, and never came home. He died October 23, 1952, of subacute bacterial endocanditis and rheumatic heart disease and is buried in Earlham Cemetery.

by Donald P. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, LAWRENCE O. & PEARL (SPENCER)

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Lawrence, of Dennis, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Lawrence O. Countryman, better known as Lon, son of Dennis and Lydia Countryman, was born at Battle Creek, Ida County, Iowa, April 24, 1882. He spent his growing up years

COUNTRYMAN, LEONARD & BERTHA (CREEKMUR)

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Standing left to right: Carol Ann Countryman, Evelyn Countryman, Lawrence Countryman, Dennis D. Countryman, Dennis E. Countryman, Lora Countryman, George Mack, Georgia Mack, and Patricia Mack. Seated left to right: Doris Countryman, Lawrence O. Countryman, Sr., Wayne Mack, Pearl Countryman, and Ruby Countryman Mack.

on a farm at Battle Creek. In 1903 his family moved to Redfield, South Dakota, where he attended college and played football at Huron, South Dakota. In 1906 he was united in marriage to Pearl Spencer, daughter of Elon G. and Eva Spencer of Moville, Iowa. He and his bride moved to Mellette, South Dakota, to make their home on a large farm he had rented.

To this union were born five children: Lawrence O., Jr., born January 23, 1907, at Mellette, South Dakota, deceased October 10, 1980, at Yakima, Washington; Dennis E., born January 28, 1908, at Frederick, South Dakota; Ruth E., born March 23, 1909, at Frederick, South Dakota, deceased March 24, 1909; Ruby Marie, born March 24, 1909, also at Frederick, deceased September 14, 1968, at Boise, Idaho; and Doris Irene, born May 23, 1912, at Webster, South Dakota.

In 1907 they moved to Frederick, South Dakota, where they lived until 1909 when they moved to Kerman, California. After a year and a half in California, they moved back to South Dakota, locating at Webster in 1911 on a farm adjoining his father's. He tells the story of selling peaches in California. He boxed up ten boxes and peddled them with a horse and buggy in the neighborhood . . . sold five boxes, was paid for one, and still owed for the rest. Perhaps this was part of the reason for returning to South Dakota. In 1918 they sold the farm and moved to Ipswich, South Dakota, where they pruchased a residence in town. The following year, they pruchased a 160-acre farm two miles aouthwest of Ipswich, which they farmed until 1935.

Prior to the Depression and drought years, Lawrence raised purebred Duroc hogs. He showed them at Fargo and Bismarck, North Dakota, state fairs; also at Huron, South Dakota, state fair and the Tri-State Fair at Aberdeen, South Dakota. His herd boar was grand champion of both North and South Dakota state fairs. Also, he received many blue ribbons for other entries. On one occasion when shipping their show animals by train, which they accompanied, he and his neighbor were awakened at night by two fellows trying to enter the boxcar from a trap door in the roof. The smaller fellow made it, but the other fellow was too large and had to give up. They were able to subdue the smaller fellow, then opened the side door and shoved him out. They never knew if the two ever found each other, since the train was moving. During the early thirties, drought, grasshoppers, and dust storms were so bad that no crops were harvested for several years. Farmers were lucky to salvage enough forage to feed a few head of livestock and were forced to reduce their herds to minimal numbers.

Having battled the drought, grasshoppers and dust storms, Lon and Pearl Countryman gave up, had an auction sale, and moved to Yakima, Washington. Here they resided for 15 years. He was employed by the city as a carpenter prior to his retirement. He passed away at his home September 27, 1951, in Yakima, and was buried in Terrace Heights Memorial Park. Pearl Countryman also passed away in Yakima on November 29, 1977, and was buried in Terrace Heights Memorial Park. She was born August 22, 1887, at Moville, Iowa.

by Dennis E. Countryman

Leonard and Bertha (Creekmur) Countryman on their wedding day, December 16, 1922, in Sioux City, Iowa.

Coleen Countryman adopts another pet, Moville, Iowa, 1927.

Leonard, of Andrew Jackson, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Leonard Arthur Countryman was born on August 18, 1885, on the old Countryman farm where his father had homesteaded 160 acres of land just 2½ miles east of Moville, Iowa. Leonard was one of a family of five brothers and two sisters (Delbert, Will, Cleve, Dennis, Mabel, Lillian). His parents were Andrew Jackson and Sabrina (Adair) Countryman.

Harley McDonald (Bertha's son) and his daughters, Carol and Beverly, visiting Bertha and Leonard Countryman, Phoenix, Arizona, 1947.

He loved the farm and used to tell of all the pranks he and his brothers played and how much fun they had together. He remained unmarried until he was 37, when he and Bertha Clara (Creekmur) McDonald were married by a Lutheran pastor, F.J. Ellman, in Sioux City, Iowa, on December 16, 1922. Leonard's brother Dennis and his wife were witnesses at the wedding.

Bertha formerly had been married to Stearl Leroy McDonald. They were married on April 5, 1916, at the U.B. parsonage in Moville and had one son, Harley Glen, who was born on February 10, 1917, in Sloan, Iowa. That marriage ended in divorce and Bertha went to work to support her son. She set type at the Moville newspaper office and worked in the general store until she met and married Leonard. Bertha was born on March 30, 1898, in Washta, Iowa, the youngest of five children (Roscoe, Merle, Velma, Avis). Her parents were Sarah Alice Yapp, who was born in Wisconsin, and George Van Creekmur, who was born in Illinois.

On February 19, 1924, a daughter, Marvel Coleen, was born to Bertha and Leonard at the old Countryman farmhouse in Moville. Bertha had been ill during most of her pregnancy, but Coleen was born a healthy, eight-pound baby. Coleen was best known for her attempt, at a very early age, to climb the pumphouse windmill — her father right upon her heels.

After 43 years on the same farm, in 1928 Leonard bought a new four-door Chevrolet Landau with a Keri-Keen luggage compartment on the back, and he and Bertha headed west with Harley and Coleen. Leonard's sister Mabel, her husband, Rob, and their son Delbert traveled west to California with them as a two-car caravan. They had identical 1928 Chevrolets. Harley remembers that one day Rob got mad at Leonard because he was driving too slowly, so he took off and they didn't see Mabel and Rob until evening. That made Leonard mad, so the next day he left Rob in the dust until the end of the day. The trip through the rugged mountains in those days was a real experience — quite a change from the farmlands of Iowa.

Shortly after visiting in California, Bertha and Leonard moved to Arizona and purchased 20 acres of alfalfa land about ten miles northwest of Phoenix. The home did not have electricity until his brother Will visited them and installed the needed wiring in the house and barn. That was the end of kerosene lamps! Leonard farmed the land for approximately a year and a half, when they sold the property and moved to Long Beach, California, for a few months. They wanted to see what that part of the West was like and to be near Bertha's sister, Velma Haskell. Leonard sold vacuum cleaners door-to-door. That was not much to his liking, and since neither of them enjoyed the foggy weather in Long Beach, they headed back to dry, beautiful Arizona — they both had fallen in love with it.

At that time, in 1930, they purchased a home at 31st Avenue and Buckeye Road southwest of Phoenix on 2½ acres of land. They paid $5 a month to buy this property. They also purchased an unfinished house next door, which Leonard completed, rented, and later sold to the renters. Leonard worked a farm for someone else, earning $30 a month, $1 a day for about a 12-hour day. They had their own chickens and a cow, plus an apricot and a peach tree. Bertha canned enough fruit from those trees to last many months. The house had an irrigation ditch, lined with cottonwood trees, running through the back portion of the yard, and the property was irrigated with the water from that ditch. The house had canvas flaps on the bedroom which could be lifted in the summer to let the air flow through the house. There was no air conditioning in those days, and on very hot nights everyone took cots out in the front yard in order to sleep comfortably. The first "swamp cooler," when installed in the kitchen window in later years, was a major improvement and provided much relief from the hot weather, which could hit 115 degrees.

In the wintertime, the house was heated by a pot-bellied coal stove in the living room, plus an old-fashioned coal stove in the kitchen used for cooking. There was no heat in the bathroom, so water was heated on the kichen stove and baths were taken in a big tub next to the kitchen stove.

During the real hard times of Depression days, Bertha took in ironing to help with expenses and to pay for Coleen's piano lessons. When World War II started, Leonard worked as a carpenter, building army barracks at various military installations, including Fort Huachuca. In 1944 he began working for Arizona Public Service Company, an electric and gas utility, as a pipe wrapper, and remained with them until he retired in 1950. He returned to part-time carpentry, building new homes for a local developer.

In 1958 it was diagnosed that Leonard had Hodgkin's disease. He was in and out of hospitals for the remainder of his life, needing numerous blood transfusions each time he was there. Many relatives donated blood in his behalf, and the family was forever grateful for their kindness and concern. The week before he died, he was allowed to go home for the weekend, the first time in many weeks, and thoroughly enjoyed all of Bertha's good cooking, including raisin pie, his favorite. He died April 14, 1959, three months before his last gandhild, Lynn, was born to Coleen. Leonard will always be remembered for his gentleness of nature.

Bertha lived alone for nearly 17 years after Leonard's death, finally moving in with her daughter's family approximately six years before she died on April 4, 1982. She will always be remembered for giving completely of herself. She was quite a poet and loved collecting and reading poetry. She and Leonard are buried at Memory Lawn Memorial Park in Phoenix.

Bertha's son, Harley, had an innate gift for business. He delivered *Liberty* magazines on roller skates when he was 11, had a paper route when he was 12, and in 1933, at the age of 16, built and operated the first gas station in Tolleson, Arizona, west of Phoenix. The station had one gas pump, and Harley lived in two rooms at the rear of the station. There was a tavern next door and one night a shooting took place. He crawled under his bed when the shooting began and must have told Bertha and Leonard about it, for the next morning they drove out to Tolleson. Leonard said Bertha thought it was too dangerous for Harley to live there, so he sold the service station to the local iceman. Later in his life, he owned a hardware store in Long Beach, California, and after 1953 he had his own hardware store in Sunnymead, California.

Harley married Hilda Marie Diller in 1937, having one daughter, Beverly Ann, on August 27, 1938. There was a divorce, and later Harley married Velma Wauneta Murnan on February 14, 1944, having one daughter, Carol Leona, on December 14, 1945. Harley, now a widower, currently resides in Kingman, Arizona.

by Coleen Cassidy

COUNTRYMAN, LEVI
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Levi, of Matthew, of Frederick, of Andreas Frantz, of Johann Frederick.

Levi Countryman was born January 22, 1800, at Marbletown, New York, and died after 1875 at Neversink, Sullivan County, New York. Levi worked at the Willowemoc Tannery as a bark peeler, and purchased the family homestead which was taken by the New York Board of Water Supply when they built the Neversink Reservoir. He married Cornelia Yaple, who died January 26, 1874, at age 64 years 7 months and 17 days. She is buried in the Vielie Cemetery at Neversink, New York. Their children were:

(1) Peter Yaple, born September 11, 1830, at High Falls, New York, died February 22, 1914, at Neversink, New York. He married Jane C. Tomkins, who was born October 6, 1835, and died May 3,1894. Both are buried at Neversink, New York.

(2) Rachel Yaple was born August 11, 1833, at High Falls, New York, and died in 1898. She married at Grahamsville, New York, on June 5, 1856, William Henry Countryman, son of Fade and Amy (Ackerley) Countryman.

(3) Anna Margaret was born August 22, 1835, at High Falls, New York.

(4) Matthew Countryman, which see.

(5) Hiram Dubois was born about 1842, and raised with the Countryman family. He was

a foster child.

(6) Arthur P. was born in May of 1850 and died young.

by Lauraine Horbak

COUNTRYMAN, LEWIS & SARAH

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Lewis Countryman, taken about 1885 in Des Moines, Iowa, where he was attending a hearing on land title.

Lewis, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Lewis, fifth son of Peter and Margaret (Nicholas) Countryman, was born February 27, 1837, at Columbus, Ohio. He moved to Janesville, Wisconsin, with his family in 1844. Little is known of his early life except to say that he was with the family at Wadena, Iowa, from 1853–1861, when he joined the rest of his family on their overland journey by covered wagon to the gold fields of California.

After returning with the family to Iowa in 1866–67 he was probably married to Sarah –?–, later living in Linn County, Iowa. A plat of Spring Grove Cemetery at Palo, Iowa, shows a lot belonging to L. Countryman, also D. Countryman.

A son, Horace, was born to them at Stilesville, Davis County, Iowa, in 1870. His father, Peter, and mother, Margaret, were also living there in 1872, when his father died. This accounts for his father and later his mother being buried at Spring Grove, Palo, Iowa.

The three Countryman brothers, Lewis, Dennis, and Andrew, were living south of Battle Creek, Iowa, in Ida County in 1870–1883, when all moved to Woodbury County, Iowa, in the area of what is now Moville, Iowa.

Sometime between 1873 and 1887 Lewis was a resident of Oklahoma for a short time. He later joined his brothers Dennis and Andrew in Woodbury County where he received a homestead certificate for the northwest quarter of Section 31 in Rutland Township in 1893. The farm was sold to R.H. (Bert) Harrison in about 1910 when Harrison took possession of the property.

This grant had been protested by the Sioux City and St. Paul Railroad. Lewis Countryman was appointed as a spokesman representing a number of settlers in a legal action, in which case they were the defendants. The courts in both the Iowa Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court ruled in favor of the settlers, represented by their spokesman, Lewis Countryman, and their lawyer. A large number of the abstracts in Rutland Township carry the name of this pioneer farmer and leader, Lewis Countryman.

Sometime during the early part of the first decade of this century, 1900–1905, Lewis retired and moved to the town of Moville, Iowa, where he passed away on August 31, 1908. He is buried at Rock Branch Cemetery, Correctionville, Iowa. His wife, Sarah, lived a few years longer, making her home with their children and sometimes spending an entire winter with her brother-in-law, Andrew, and his family. It is presumed that she, too, is buried on the same lot beside her husband. A daughter, Nellie (Countryman) Budd, is also buried there.

The children of Lewis and Sarah Countryman were Adelbert, Alexander, Leona, Horace, George, and Nellie.

by Ardell Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, LLOYD & EDNA (NEER)

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The Lloyd Countryman family. Back row left to right: Larry, Lloyd, Edna, Jim. Front row: Darlene and Pamela.

Lloyd, of Delbert, of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad second, of Jacob, of Conrad first, of Johann Fredrich.

Lloyd Charles Countryman, son of Delbert and Millie (Hendrichs) Countryman, was born July 24, 1922, on a farm near Moville, Iowa. At the age of five I moved with my family to the farm homesteaded by my grandfather A.J. Countryman. I graduated from Moville High School in 1940. In the spring of 1941 I moved to San Diego, California, where I worked at Consolidated Aircraft Corporation.

In 1943 I met Edna Neer, daughter of Lawrence and Mable Biggs. Edna had three sisters, Elaine Wilcoxon, Gladys Zeug, and Shirley Bell. After writing to her for two years, we finally met and were married on September 7, 1945, in Kansas. She was living in Lexington, Missouri, where she had been born November 29, 1925.

In October of 1945 I was discharged from the service at Amarillo, Texas. Edna and I moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where our first child, Darlene Louise, was born August 7, 1946. In 1947 we bought a home in Kansas City, Kansas. Our son Larry Charles was born June 28, 1948. While living in the Kansas City area I worked at a diecasting factory. In December of 1948, after deciding you can take the boy away from the farm but you can't take the farm away from the boy, we moved back to Iowa, staying with my parents for about three months until we purchased a quarter section about a mile from the old home place. There our son James Delbert was born February 13, 1954, and our daughter Pamela Gail was born February 20, 1956.

For several years we were in the dairy business, but decided to sell out and started a cow-calf operation. When Canada started importing exotic breeds of cattle in 1969 from Europe, I became interested in them. In order to get a herd started, I went to school and learned to artifical inseminate. Several different breeds were tried, but we settled on simmentals. We now have a small herd of purebred simmental upgraded from our original herd.

Shortly after Jim graduated from Woodbury Central he decided he wanted to farm. He purchased 160 acres joining the land my grandfather A.J. had homesteaded. Jim and I formed a partnership and now farm our 320 acres plus renting other acres.

by Lloyd Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, MRS. LLOYD

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Edna Earle (Neer) Countryman

Mrs. Edna Countryman, the former Edna Earle Neer, was born November 29, 1925, in Lexington, Missouri, where she spent her childhood, graduating from Lexington High School. She worked at the telephone company in Lexington until she married Lloyd Charles Countryman on September 7, 1945, in Kansas City, Kansas. The couple made their home in the Kansas City area for four years before moving to a farm near Moville, Iowa, in 1949. She owned the Uptown Cafe in Moville from 1970–1975. The Uptown Cafe used to be located where the Farmers Mutual Insurance building is now.

Edna attended night classes at the Woodbury Central High School in 1976 where she learned the art of cake decorating. Edna was still making cakes up until she died. She would often donate her decorated cakes to charity functions and for senior citizens' birthdays. Edna worked at the K-Mart deli in Sioux City, Iowa, for 11 years. She was forced to retire early for health reasons. Since she loved people, it was hard for her to adjust

to staying home. She kept busy by being vice-president of the American Legion Auxiliary and was an active volunteer at the Moville Senior Center. She was a member of the United Methodist Church and its United Methodist Women (UMW). When she wasn't at one of these activities, she was playing bingo or cards.

Edna would spend the rest of her time with her children or grandchildren. The grandchildren would often go to Grandma's house to play cards or bingo. She was so proud of her family. If she wasn't at a ball or soccer game rooting for one of her grandchildren, she was at an arts and crafts show for one of her daughters' creations.

After arriving home from spending a lovely day with her daughter and family, Edna suffered a heart attack. She died December 25, 1986, at a Sioux City hospital. She joined in God's world her father, Lawrence; two infant children, Robert and an infant daughter; two sisters, Elaine and Gladys; and one grandson, Justin.

by Pam Weaver

COUNTRYMAN, M. ALDEN

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Alden, of Marcellus L., of Peter Fort.

As the only remaining child of Marcellus, son of Peter Fort Countryman, I plan to take some liberty in writing this continuation of the *Countryman Genealogy* , 1925 edition. I will list dates where applicable, but hope that a rambling account will prove readable.

Marcellus L., my father, retired from his position as vice-president and general counsel of the Great Northern Railroad in 1927 and spent the remainder of his life hunting, fishing, and gardening at his summer place near Danbury, Wisconsin, where the rest of us also spent many happy years canoeing,

Edwina and Alden Countryman, 1984.

swimming, and even some wild rice harvesting from the marshes there. Later he spent his winters at the Oak Park Arms, Oak Park, Illinois, and he often said it seemed a bit like going to prison after the relaxed life at Danbury. For Mother, however, who carried the burden, though she did have help, getting meals, etc., without electricity on a kerosene stove, water hauled from a well down the hill, life was not so relaxing. She loved gardening and I helped her a little by digging trenches from which, as the "sunken gardener," she could continue her beloved hobby.

Father died peacefully in St. Paul, Minnesota, October 28, 1944. Mother lived several years longer in the Miller Clinic Hospital until her death in 1947. She was always a wonderfully resourceful person; wrote a baby book for each child, and I well remember how years ago up at Danbury she and I paddled our Indian birchbark canoe down through the rice marshes to a lake resort where for refreshment we bought home-baked cake — which was not as good as hers would have been!

I remember my father's brothers, my uncles, because when they came to our house with their wives, my brother Donald and I were sent up to sleep in the big double bed in the attic. This covered the whole top of our big house and seemed enormous with many nooks and spooky vistas, but under the down comforter we always felt safe and secure and a bit venturesome. The next day was always memorable for the stale smell of cigars and sense of old stories and reminiscences we wished we could have heard.

My only memory of grandparents is of my mother's mother, who lived with us and died in 1911 when I was only eight. Each Christmas my mother made delicious candy fondant centers, orange, chocolate, vanilla, etc., dipped in bitter chocolate. Each person at the Christmas table had a box of these wonderful candies and mine disappeared much too soon. Not my grandmother's, for she squirrelled her box away on her bedroom closet shelf, and if I had seemed to her to have been a good little boy she would beckon me up to her bedroom and give me a piece. Somehow that preserved candy had acquired an especially wonderful flavour, indescribable but strange and delicious. Her death was my first experience of that unique hush that often descends on a household at such a time, sad, but inevitable and strangely calming.

The first death of a member of my family was that of my little sister, Virginia, who died August 20, 1906, of whooping cough at the age of 13 months. I have no remembrance of her since I was only two and a half years older than she and probably lucky to have survived the illness that killed her. She had never been photographed, so she was dressed and placed in her perambulator. With my sister Dorothy, the oldest of the family, standing beside her she looks to be sweetly sleeping — strange and sad, but yet a beautiful memento.

Thirty-six years later the next death was of Dorothy herself, December 1942, of cervical cancer. Her husband, Ripley Dorr, was an organist and director of the Paulist Choristers. They had one son, Roger, now much involved in electronics and computers in California and happily married to the charming and talented Kathleen. Dorothy was a writer of excellent poetry, a singer, pianist, and probably the brains of the family. I remember my father's agonized cry that one was not supposed to outlive his children — the death of baby Virginia long ago may not have seemed so traumatic.

My brother Donald, only five years my senior, died in November 1949. My memories of him over the years are of his wonderful gift for producing plays, then more vividly one special memory of the time he took me up in a seaplane when an ensign in the Naval Air Force at Pensacola, Florida. I had never flown and it is not hard to imagine how thrilling and scary it was to experience loop-the-loops and Immelman turns from the front seat of a two-seater navy plane. I thought that the best time of his life, but his sons Donald and Thomas may not agree — if so, they can write their own story, and should. He it was, too, who bought the Indian canoe which Mother and I had had the fun and adventure of paddling long ago.

On February 20, 1973, my brother Roger died just as he was recovering from a double hernia operation. He had been an obstetrician and gynecologist with the Miller Clinic until 1955 when, at the height of his practice, he suffered a cardiovascular accident, retired from private practice, and moved to California. He had a very pleasant baritone voice

The children of Marcellus L. Countryman. Left to right: Roger, 36; Junior, 37; Dorothy, 38; Alden, 28; and Donald, 33. August 30, 1931.

and often sang to my accompaniment while we were both living in St. Paul. Thus I learned much new and lovely music. He and Junior (M.L.C., Jr.) were often at Danbury and took me with them on canoe trips in the streams and lakes and taught me the proper method of handling a canoe.

Perhaps my most wonderful memory resulted from Roger's becoming engaged to marry Dorothy M. Trapp of New Westminster, Canada, whom he had met while interning at the Vancouver Hospital. The wedding was to be September 3, 1924, at her home. Fortunately Father was scheduled for some talks for the G.N. out west and, wonder of wonders, a private car was made available for the trip to Canada and luckily I was included — as best man to be, I was necessary. This trip on a private car was the sort one dreams about but never expects to experience, with meals and accommodations just as on a first class Pullman but more private and exciting. With the car hitched to a fast mail train I had the thrill of seeing the car speedometer run up and pass 70 miles per hour! After the wedding the railroad had the private car parked on a siding in Glacier Park, just being developed with active participation by the G.N.Ry. My brother Donald joined us there and together he and I climbed Squaw Mountain, my first mountain climbing.

My brother Junior died in July 1975 of carcinoma of the lung. He had lost his first wife, a childhood sweetheart, in 1952, but at the time of his death was happily married to Delores O'Halloran, who crowned his last years with loving companionship. I remember June so well for those fine canoe trips and my education in canoeing, and also for his generosity in letting me drive his cute little Buick coupe. He also gave the whole family a new and remarkable experience when he obtained, through coupons or some way, an Edison cylinder phonograph with wax cylinders upon which one could, and many of us did, record songs, recitations, etc. These cylinders were slightly tapered so that they would be put on the right way, but it was possible and much fun to put them on backward so that the music would be played in reverse. In truth, we found that some music is much improved by being played backward. Alas, all these cylinders disappeared — who knows where or how?

Now briefly my own situation: I graduated from the University of Minnesota in electrical engineering in 1926; spent four years wih the Northern States Power Company in Sioux Falls, South Dakota; two years unsuccessfully selling oil burners and refrigerators; then to Iowa State College where I earned a master's and finally a Ph.D. in applied physics.

In the fall of 1936 I married Ruth V. Koelle of University City, Missouri, then taught 23 years at Lewis Institute, which became the Illinois Institute of Technology. Ruth only lived ten years, but bore me two fine children, Nancy Virginia, born June 22, 1939, and Peter Alden, born May 7, 1943. In May of 1946 Ruth died of metastasized breast cancer.

On March 29, 1947, I married Elise Chaplin of St. Louis, who became a loving mother to my two small children and with whom I lived very happily until her death of pancreatic cancer March 19, 1983. Her memory will live forever in my heart!

My daughter, Nancy, married Thomas McConnell and had two children, James Alden, born June 29, 1965, and Rebecca Anne, born October 20, 1968. Nancy and her present husband, Charles Martindale, live in Danville, Kentucky, where they own and operate a modern bicycle shop.

My son, Peter, married Patricia Ann McCoy July 12, 1969, and they are now living in Crossville, Tennessee, where Peter is employed by the Flowers Baking Comapny.

Then it was my very good fortune to meet and marry Edwina C. Gifford, and her love and companionship have given new and rich meaning to poet Robert Browning's

Grow old along with me!
The best is yet to be.
The last of life for which the first was made!

by M. Alden Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, MACE WARREN

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The Wyoming Countrymans — Mace, of Manuel, of Mark Ward, of Charles Raynor.

Mace Warren, son of Manuel Ward and Abigail Bessie (Carner) Countryman, was born January 23, 1939, at Bishop Randall Hospital, Lander, Wyoming. We lived at a second family ranch at Crowheart, Wyoming, where I nearly died of typhoid fever. On December 7, 1941, we moved to the newly acquired ranch on the Sweetwater River. My mother taught me through the first six years of school as there were not enough children for a public school. I had to spend the winters in town for the higher grades.

I met my wife, Elizabeth Anne Tully, at the original Charles R. Countryman (my great-grandfather) ranch on the Sweetwater near Split Rock. I was working there at that time. She was born and raised at Muddy Gap, Wyoming, the daughter of Robert S. and Alta E. Tully. We were married November 24, 1956, at Rawlins, Wyoming.

Valorie Leigh, our first child, was born at Bishop Randall Hospital, Lander, Wyoming, October 9, 1957. She graduated from Jeffrey City High School in 1976 and attended Central Wyoming College in Riverton, Wyoming. Valorie married Douglas J. Wilson of Lander, Wyoming, June 11, 1977. They have two children, Erin Elizabeth, born July 29, 1980, and Kyle Brandon, born October 14, 1983. Both were born in Lander, Wyoming. They lost a daughter, Jill Miranda, born May 26, 1982, deceased June 4, 1982. Valorie, Doug, and family are presently living in Dubois, Wyoming, where Doug is employed by the Wyoming Highway Department and Valorie works for the U.S. Postal Service.

Monte Ward was born December 30, 1958, at Bishop Randall Hospital, Lander, Wyoming. He graduated from Jeffrey City High School and attended college at Central Wyoming College in Riverton and the University of Wyoming. After his initial years at college he came home to help with my contracting business for several years before returning to the University of Wyoming where he is now a senior. He is majoring in finance. He has been on the dean's list several times.

Ida Dawn was born June 6, 1960, at Bishop Randall Hospital, Lander, Wyoming. She graduated from Dubois High School in 1978 and attended Central Wyoming College in Riverton. On February 23, 1980, Ida married

The Mace Countryman family beside their home at Sweetwater, Wyoming. Left to right: Valorie, Ida Dawn, Beth, Mace, and Monte. This picture was taken in July 1974 by Butch Borgogno.

Wesley Eugene Johston of Daniel, Wyoming, at Lander, Wyoming. They have two sons, Justin Wesley, born September 19, 1980, at Laramie, Wyoming, and Morgan Vaughn, born at Lander, Wyoming, on March 4, 1983. They are living near Yoder, Wyoming, where Wes is employed by the Wyoming Game and Fish.

I ranched on the Sweetwater for 20 years. In 1976 we sold the cattle and in January of 1977 moved to a place on the east fork of the Wind River near Dubois, Wyoming, where I began a contracting business.

by Mace W. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, MANUEL WARD "HOOT"

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The Wyoming Countrymans — Manuel, of Mark Ward, of Charles Raynor.

Manuel Ward (Hoot), son of Mark Ward and Ida Irene (Irvine) Countryman, was born at the family ranch on the north fork of the Wind River above Fort Washakie, Wyoming, on May 13, 1916.

He married Abigail Bessie Carner of Hudson, Wyoming, on November 13, 1937, in Lander, Wyoming. Bessie was the daughter of James Washington Carner of Hudson, Wyoming, who was the son of Charles Henry Carner of Dawson Springs, Kentucky. They lived at Crowheart, Wyoming, on a second family ranch in a small log house on the bank of Willow Creek. Their son, Mace Warren, was born January 23, 1939, at Bishop Randall Hospital in Lander, Wyoming.

When the government took away the grazing rights of all non-Indians, both reservation ranches were sold and a ranch on the

Hoot Countryman standing in front of the barn at Crowheart, Wyoming, July 4th, 1939. He grew the beard for the Pioneer Days beard contest.

Bessie, Mace, and Hoot Countryman. This picture was taken while in Omaha, Nebraska, when shipping the cattle in November of 1951.

Sweetwater River 40 miles south of Lander was purchased. Hoot, Bessie, and Mace moved to Sweetwater December 7, 1941.

Hoot ranched all of his life. He was a talented western artist. About 30 of his paintings of livestock, advertising local ranches, were on display in the Fremont Bar for many years. When the Fremont Hotel and Bar burned, about the only things saved from the fire were Hoot's paintings. Some of Hoot's other pasttimes were hunting, fishing, rock hunting, playing the guitar, violin and mouth harp, whittling, and story telling.

Hoot and Bessie adopted Vance Tyler April 24, 1960. They were divorced in 1962. In October of 1964 Hoot married Francis Elizabeth Carner in Lander, Wyoming. Hoot died of cancer in the Natrona County Memorial Hospital at Casper, Wyoming,, July 4, 1966. He is buried in the family plot at Mount Hope Cemetery at Lander, Wyoming.

by Mace W. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, MARCELLUS L. & CORA (SIMMONS)

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Marcellus, of Peter Fort.

My grandfather, Marcellus L. Countryman, told us that when he first went to grade school and the teacher was going around the room getting names, he noticed that all the kids had middle names. He didn't. So when it came his turn, he just added the initial "L." to the middle of his name.

The following is taken from the obituary of Marcellus L. Countryman:

"Marcellus L. Countryman, Sr., former vice president and general counsel of the Great Northern railroad died Saturday night in Miller hospital after a long illness. He was

Cora May (Simmons) Countryman, October 1, 1885.

The St. Paul, Minnesota, home of Marcellus L. and Cora (Simmons) Countryman. Marcellus built the house, and the family of Roger S. Countryman grew up there, also.

82 years old.

"Mr. Countryman joined the Great Northern legal staff in 1903 and became general counsel and vice president in 1922, serving in that capacity until his retirement October 1, 1926.

"He was born August 27, 1862, at Nininger, near Hastings. A graduate of the law school of Washington University, St. Louis, he was admitted to the bar in St. Paul in 1885.

"He was one of the founders of the St. Paul College of Law, on whose faculty he served until 1935, and a founder of the Minnesota Club.

"Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Cora May Countryman, 213 S. Avon st., four sons, M.L. Countryman Jr., St. Paul, general solicitor for the Northern Pacific railroad; Dr. Roger S. Countryman, St. Paul; Donald F. Countryman of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Prof. Alden Countryman of the Illinois Institute of Technology, LaGrange, Illinois. There are fourteen grandchildren."

Pictured here is his wife, Cora May (Simmons) Countryman, born May 1, 1865. The Simmons family information that I have is taken from a 1947 letter to my mother from Grace Simmons:

"Great grandfather Simmons came to Ohio from Attleboro, Massachusetts. Grandfather went back on horseback, married Anne Ide there, and came back on the Erie Canal . .

. . Rufus Atherlon Simmons was born October 28, 1829, in the northern part of Huron County, Ohio. (I think my father put Steuben on the letters he wrote. The large brick house still stands.) Rufus died September 28, 1888. He married April 3, 1853, Sarah Amanda Harris, daughter of Dr. Harris, Milan, Ohio. Aunt Sarah lived in Milan and her sister was Mrs. Edison — her husband was a cousin of Mr. Alva Edison the inventor. Aunt Abby, my father's sister, lived in Norwalk, Huron County, and Grandfather's home was about ten miles away.

"Uncle Rufus and Aunt Sarah lived on a nice farm a few miles from Grandmother. They lost two little children, who are buried there. Uncle Rufus came to Hastings by steamboat in 1857, before there was a railroad from Chicago to St. Paul, Minnesota. (My father came in 1858.) Cousin Mary, Jessie, and Cora were on the trip. Frankie, Walter and Amy were born in Hastings. About 1874 we all had whooping cough and the baby Amy died."

by Dorothy Chrisman

COUNTRYMAN, MARCELLUS L., JR. "JUNE"

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Marcellus, of Marcellus.

Marcellus was the eldest son of Marcellus L. and Cora May (Simmons) Countryman. Following are excerpts from a memorial prepared by the legal department of the BN Railroad:

Marcellus L. Countryman, Jr., known throughout his career by his many friends as "June", died on July 25, 1975, at St. Paul, Minnesota, at the age of 81. June was born in St. Paul on January 12, 1894; he remained a resident of St. Paul throughout his lifetime except for brief periods of time when he practiced law in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and in Duluth, Minnesota.

June spent almost all of his career as a lawyer in the law departments of the Great Northern Railway Company and the Northern Pacific Railway Company.

At the University of Minnesota Law School, June was a brilliant student. He served on the student editorial board of the *Minnesota Law Review* for Volume 1 in 1917. He left law school to enter the armed services during World War I and served as captain of infantry. He returned to law school in 1919 and served as note editor for Volume 4 of the *Law Review* .

Following graduation in 1920 and admission to the bars of Minnesota and South Dakota, June entered private practice for a brief period prior to being employed by the Great Northern Railway Company in its law department. On March 1, 1924, June joined the law department of the Northern Pacific Railway Company; he remained with that company in its law department for the remainder of his working career. It was a career marked by significant achievements as a railroad lawyer: general attorney, assistant general counsel, general solicitor, and vice-president and general counsel.

On September 25, 1926, in St. Lukes Catholic Church in St. Paul, June married Ruth Williams Murray. Together they raised a fine family of two sons and three daughters. Ruth was a deeply religious and very admirable person. She died, much too young, on January 16, 1952.

June subsequently remarried Delores O'Halloran. Together they spent many happy years in their home on Loc McGregor and in extensive travel following June's retirement.

Children of M.L. Countryman, Jr., and Ruth (Murray) Countryman:

John Christopher Countryman, born August 15, 1927, married Susan Kelly. Their seven children are Michael, Stephen, Dennis, Cate, John, Anne, and Julie.

Sister Anne Countryman, born December 29, 1928.

Mary Ruth Countryman, born May 18, 1932, married A. Thomas Jansen. Their seven children are Peter, William, Julie, Thomas, Christopher, Ruth Marie, and Mary.

Joan Virginia Countryman (twin), born October 5, 1934, married John Bradshaw. Their three children are Jeffrey, Laura, and Benjamin.

Marcellus Lawrence Countryman III (twin), born October 5, 1934, married (Helen) Ann Hilger. Their two children are Marc Andrew and Lisa.

by Don F. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, MARK WARD

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Mark Ward Countryman, about 1937, "Lander Pioneer Days," Lander, Wyoming.

The Woyming Countrymans — Mark Ward, of Charles Raynor.

Life of M.W. Countryman Closely Paralleled Growth of Cattle Industry

Tombstone of Mark Ward Countryman, taken July 10, 1985, Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lander, Wyoming. The brand of the Drift Fence Ranch can be seen at the top of the tombtone.

The death last week of Mark Ward Countryman closed a life which encompassed most of the events of the development of the cattle industry in Wyoming, and a life which was closely identified with that industry for over sixty years.

Mr. Countryman was born at Sherman, Wyoming, September 11, 1879, the eldest son of Charles R. and Anna E. Countryman. When he was but six years of age, he moved wih his family to the Sweetwater country (in 1885) and there, in the following quarter of a century, the family became one of the major operators in the Sweetwater cattle country. With his brothers and sisters he filled a large place in the social activities "along the river" and their company was always in demand.

He was united in marriage on September 5, 1906, with Miss Ida Irvine at Casper, Wyoming. The young couple established an almost ideal home. Mark had established himself as an admirable friend and neighbor, and to these characteristics were added those of a kind and loving husband and father.

In 1912, the father and son sold their interests on the Sweetwater and purchased a ranch and cattle business on the Wind River Reservation six miles west of Ft. Washakie on the North Fork of the Little Wind River. This they operated until 1941 when the land was sold to the government in the Indian land buying program.

Nine children and a foster son brought joy to the home, including Francis, Manuel, John, Dorothy Kimball, Margaret Hart, Virginia Bingham, Anna Caffall, Truth Borgogno, Isobel Myers and Stanley Irvine.

In 1941 Mr. and Mrs. Countryman purchased the Dan Hudson properties at the Oregon Trail Crossing, where the family now resides.

Besides his widow and children, Mr. Countryman is survived by eight grandsons and one granddaughter and numerous nieces and nephews; two sisters, Mrs. Ethel Phillips and Mrs. Helen Inkster. One sister, Mrs. Edna Irvine, and two brothers, Charles and Roscoe, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were read by the Rev. Robert Reddick at the Episcopal Church Saturday. "Rock of Ages" and "Nearer My God to Thee" were sung by the choir. Casket bearers were chosen from among his oldest friends and include J.L. McIntosh, William P. McIntosh, Walter Ferry, Albert Meyers, Charles Markley and Walter Brown. Beauti-

ful floral offerings were sent by his sorrowing relatives and friends. Interment was at Mt. Hope.

Reflections

Mark W. Countryman's poems, which he wrote from time to time, depict life as it was in the old days. His parents, Charles R. and Anna E. Countryman, owned and operated for several years a general store and hotel at Sherman Hill, Wyoming (Mark's birthplace), the highest point on the Union Pacific Railroad. They later lived in Cheyenne and Laramie and in 1886 the family moved to Split Rock on the Sweetwater River, where government land was filed on and improved as a cattle ranch. The Oregon Trail parallels this river and Split Rock was a land mark seen for many miles by the travellers in the early days of the gold rush to California, settlers going to Oregon and the trappers always took this route to the higher mountains. For a few years emigrant trains went through to Oregon and trail herds of sheep and catle were frequently seen. The stage coaches, too, with mail and passengers from railroad points to the interior of the state took this route.

Here Mark's boyhood was spent riding the range with his brothers, caring for his father's cattle and starting a herd of his own. He was contractor for a mail line from Split Rock to Alcova on the Platte River, a distance of fifty miles. Two trips a week were made in all kinds of weather. In winter the mail was carried by pack horses, in summer by buckboard and team.

In 1906 he was married to Ida Irene Irvine. In 1912 the Wind River Indian Reservation was opened to settlement. Mark and family moved there and purchased a tract of land which was developed through the years into a cattle ranch. During this period nine children and an adopted nephew were reared and sent to school. He was treasurer of the school district for many years.

In 1941 the government bought the white settlers' holdings and turned them back to the Indians. Then, as there was no range available for his cattle, he moved them to the Sweetwater country where he purchased the Dan Hudson ranch at Oregon Trail Crossing. Here he lived until his death February 5, 1947. Here his widow and sons lived and carried on the cattle business.

Several of Mark's poems were written from true incidents; also, stories or legends told him by the Shoshone Indians, among whom he had many friends and was known as "the man with many children." Elsewhere in this book is a poem excerpted from *Echos of the Old West* by Mark W. Countryman, published after his death in 1950.

Mark Ward Countryman's tombstone is a huge granite boulder with the following inscription engraved on it, taken from his poem "To An Old Timer":

Tomorrow's sun for him will never rise,
Nor sunset kindle up his kindly eyes.
He sleeps alone beneath the mountain's rim
To rise when called among the pioneer men.
And when his craft has touched the treasured sand
To taste the fruit within that promised land,
May he be first, like in this hinderland,
To blaze a trail for all that pioneer band.

by Dorothy Kimball

COUNTRYMAN, MARTIN & ANN (WEART)

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The Canadian Countrymans — Martin, of John, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st.

Martin Countryman (1818–1882) came to Stortmont County in the Ottawa Valley with his father John and moved to the Tweed, Ontario, area.

He was married to Ann Weart (1820–1880). Both are buried in Bethel Cemetery about

Martin Countryman (1818–1882).

William Albert and Pearl (Palmateer) Countryman with their sons, Borden (left) and William Alfred (right).

Countryman's Brickyard, about 1886. Behind cart at left, Franklin Countryman; right, Albert Countryman; boy in cart, William Albert Countryman; small girl beside cart, Annie Countryman (later Mrs. Routley of Calgary). William and Annie were children of Albert.

one mile south of Tweed on #37 highway.

Martin and Ann had eight children. *George Herman* married Margaret McConkey. *John C.* is the connection to Jennie Moore and John and Allan Thompson and Hazel. *Elizabeth Ann* died at age 56, not married. *William* left the area. There are reports that his son Edgar ran the Crystal Hotel in Belleville. *Thomas W.* lived in Kingston; he married but had no family. *James Albert* , known as Albert, was my grandfather, born November 7, 1852. *Rachel* is the connection to the Tuckers — Herman, Wilbert, and Grace. Herman married Ella Gertrude Hubble; they had no children. Wilbert married Caroline Dewhurst and they had one child, Marion Grace. Grace didn't marry. *Franklin* and his family lived in the Tweed area. Jean married Albert Sherry — operated a store in Tweed.

Martin Countryman cleared the land, one of the finest stands of pine in the area. The land was cleared by oxen, and the first barn and house were built. Martin then started the first brickyard in the area as there were about 30 acres of the best brick clay anywhere. The clay was mixed and moulded by hand and the first brick house in Tweed was built from these bricks. Later horses were used to mix the clay by being attached to a pole which ran the mixer as they walked round and round.

With Albert's help, Fanklin took over the brickyard. Albert continued to clear the land and have a home for his family as listed. Franklin sold the brickyard to W.J. Lawrence who started a brickyard joining the original divided by Concession 9.

My grandfather, Albert (James Albert) continued to farm. He married Isobel Beatty, born in 1855. There were three girls, Annie, Elsie, and Rachel, and two sons, William Albert and John Martin. John Martin did not marry.

William Albert, my father, was born January 25, 1884, and died October 14, 1955, at age 71. He married Pearl May Palmateer on September 5, 1911. Pearl was born in 1889 and died in 1963 at age 74. William Albert and Pearl raised two boys, William Alfred and Borden. Borden was born August 20, 1915, and died January 23, 1961. He married Laura Grills in 1947; there was no family. William Alfred's story is given separately.

by William Alfred Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, MARY L. (WILLIAMS)

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Mary L., cousin and wife of John Henry.

John Henry Countryman was born in Herkimer County, New York, around 1833. He grew to be over six feet tall, and was a farmer. His family came by way of the Great Lakes to Illinois when he was around ten years old.

We have already read in other stories that the family intermarried, his father and mother being first cousins. Well, John Henry, it was said, had a younger second cousin who was a cute little thing, and as he held her on his lap one day he made the statement that she was who he wanted to marry some day. Her name was Mary L. Williams daughter of

Tom Botts and Mary L. (Williams) Countryman Botts. Mary was the cousin and widow of John Henry Countryman. Photo was taken in Wiscotta, Iowa.

Edward S. Williams and Catherine Countryman Williams, his cousin's daughter, on September 19, 1867, in Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois, they became man and wife.

John's uncle John Adam, Jr.'s daughter Eva Maria Countryman wed Edward S. Williams and their daughter Mary L. Williams married John Henry.

In the 1860 census, John Henry at age 27 was found to be farming in Madison Township, Jones County, Iowa. He had 70 acres of improved land, 70 unimproved, with cash value of the farm $1600; he raised no wheat, 500 bushels of Indian corn, and 120 bushels of oats. This was seven years before his marriage in Rockford, Illinois. Records tell us he was a saloon keeper in Wyoming, Iowa, before he settled in Wright County, where his older sister, Mary Catherine Miller, also lived.

The children born in the Wright County, Iowa, area were: (1) Wilfred A., born September 13, 1876; (2) Delbert Eugene, born September 10, 1878 (my grandfather); (3) E. Maude, born January 15, 1881; (4) I. Claud, born November 9, 1883. Their first son was born in 1870 and was named after his mother's father, Edward Sears Williams. Edward Sears Countryman was a very big, strong man. He farmed and worked at the brickyard in Redfield, Iowa. There is no record of where Edward S. was born.

John Henry died at age 60 years, 11 months, and is buried in Buffalo Township Cemetery, Titonka, Iowa. As of 1984, his grave is marked by a government stone; his heirs paid for the stone to be set. He rests in the center of the north half of the cemetery on a small hill.

Mary L. (Williams) Countryman came down to Wiscatta, Iowa, after John Henry died. She met and married Mr. Tom Botts. Tom Bott worked at the old stone quarry on John Brown's place, and worked in the coal mine on Panther Creek. After Grandma Botts died he went to California to live with his sister.

Mary L. (Williams) Countryman Botts and her sons Edward S. and Wilford A., lived and died in Dallas County, Iowa, and were buried in Wiscatta Cemetery in Dallas County, with graves in the south row, along the south side. Now it is the back of the cemetery; then it was the front row.

by Donald P. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, MATTHEUS (MATTHEW)

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Mattheus, of Frederick, of Andreas Frantz, of Johann Frederick.

Mattheus (Matthew) Countryman was bapized at Marbletown, New York, on June 7, 1756, and died there about 1830. He married Margaret Stokes and little is known of his life, other than the names of his children as follows:

(1) Antje (Ann) was born January 15, 1789, at New Paltz, New York, and died November 5, 1860. She married Richard I. Stokes, who died November 29, 1864, age 85 years and 29 days. both are buried in the Coxeng family cemetery, Rosendale Township, Ulster County, New York. Seven children.

(2) Elizabeth was born October 25, 1790, at New Paltz, New York.

(3) Rachel Hasbrouck was baptized at Marbletown, New York, on August 11, 1739. She married Frederick Dewitt Atkins. Three children.

(4) Frederick was born June 21, 1795, at Marbletown, New York, and died before June 1, 1876, at Sundown, Neversink Township, Sullivan County, New York. He married Amy Ackerley.

(5) Jannetje (Jane) was born September 20, 1797, at Marbletown, New York, and died August 31, 1870. She married Garrett I. Freer, who died April 8, 1841, age 39 years 7 months and 19 days. Both are buried in the Freer family cemetery, Marbletown Township, Ulster County, New York.

(6) Levi Countryman, which see.

(7) Elias was born August 18, 1802, at Marbletown, New York. He married Cornelia –?–. She died April 28, 1883, age 75 years 9 months and 21 days, and was buried at Granite, New York.

(8) Laura was born November 20, 1804, at Marbletown, New York.

(9) Richard was born October 22, 1807, at Marbletown, New York, and died there before 1839, for his widow, Julia Hendrickson, married second on January 10, 1839, Jonathan Schoonmaker.

(10) Hester was born September 4, 1811, at Marbletown, New York. She married Levi Carney, the son of Laura (Countryman) Carney. Eight children.

by Lauraine Horbak

COUNTRYMAN, MATTHEW

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Matthew, of Levi, of Matthew, of Frederick, of Andreas Frantz, of Johann Frederick.

Matthew Countryman was born at Marbletown, New York, on December 4, 1836, and died June 24, 1909, at Neversink, New York. He married at Woodbourne, New York, on September 26, 1858, Jerusha Ann Quick. She was born April 11, 1836, at Newtown, Ulster County, New York, and died November 17, 1919, at Neversink, New York. Matthew was a farmer and also worked in the tannery with his father. Their children were:

(1) Cornelia Ann (Countryman) Misner, which see.

(2) James L. died October 5, 1865, age 10 months 18 days.

(3) Cornelia I (twin) died April 4, 1867, at birth.

(4) Charles J. (twin) died April 4, 1867, at birth.

(5) Levi was born September 25, 1868, at Neversink, New York, and died January 25, 1953, at White Lake, New York. He married on December 29, 1897, Lola Louisa Babcock, who was born February 24, 1877, and died January 25, 1946, at Bethel, New York. Both are buried at Neversink, New York. They had no children.

(6) Chauncey was born at Neversink, New York, in 1872 and died there in 1909. He married on December 25, 1891, Kate Charter. She married second on December 23, 1910, Charles Jackson.

(7) Ida was born at Neversink on January 7, 1874, and died at Jeffersonville, New York, on May 1, 1958. She married in 1898 John S. Smith, who was born at Briscoe, New York, on April 25, 1875, and died at Liberty, New York, in February of 1967.

(8) Frank was born February 6, 1878, at Neversink, New York, and died there on October 13, 1920. He married first Nellie Curley, who died April 4, 1903. He married second Katie Knight. No chldren by either marriage.

(9) Minnie was born in 1880 at Neversink, New York, and died at Liberty, New York, on October 24, 1923. She married on February 16, 1911, George Asthaler, who was born July 16, 1865, and died January 1, 1956.

by Lauraine Horbak

COUNTRYMAN, MAUD & COUNTRYMAN, CLARENCE C.

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Maud and Clarence, of Clarence Clement, of Dennis, of Peter, of Conrad II, of Jacob, of Conrad I, of Johann Fredriech.

Maud Mae Countryman lived and worked in Minneapolis, Minnesota, until she married Frederick John Meinecke in 1944. Fred, known as Fritz, lived in New Jersey and was in the insurance business. Maud worked for a short while in New York City but then

Glen Countryman and his sister, Maude (Countryman) Meinecke, taken August 29, 1948.

stayed home and did book work for Fritz and later took care of her mother, Mattie, until she passed away. Fritz passed away after a short illness. Some time later Maud married Fritz's second cousin, Henry Bruns. They lived in Upper Montclair, New Jersey, where Henry died after a long illness. Maud still lives in Upper Montclair.

Clarence C. Countryman lived in White Bear Lake, Minnesota, for several years. He married Vera Gilbertson and they had one son, Lee. They moved to California when Lee was a teenager. Clarence was a decorator in a men's furnishings store. He designed the advertising layouts for the windows, etc. Vera was a beautician. Lee was in the navy during World War II. He married Marie Colby January 14, 1949, and they had one child, Lee Martin, born November 2, 1949, and died February 6, 1973. Lee has played the piano since childhood and he has worked at Disneyland for ten years maintaining all keyboard instruments. He also plays electric piano at private parties. Lee and Marie have lived in Orange, California, for 26 years.

by Phyllis Maxine (Countryman) Siderides

COUNTRYMAN, MAUDE ELIZABETH

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Maude (Countryman) Sawtelle Haught Pierce

Maude, of Joseph Dodge, of Eli, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Maude Elizabeth Countryman married Mr. Albert Elwin Sawtelle, born April 27, 1891, at Oroville, Butte County, California, May 3, 1920. A son, Joseph Donald Sawtelle,

Left to right: Allie Beryl (Countryman) Carlton, Ardell Countryman, and Maude Elizabeth (Countryman) Pierce, taken in 1974 at Oroville, California.

was born May 19, 1921, at Oroville, California.

Maude Elizabeth (Countryman) Sawtelle married a second time to Ernest Warrner Haught, born October 5, 1902, in Colorado, on July 12, 1924, at Sacramento, California. A daughter, Jacqueline Leslie Haught, was born July 12, 1925.

Maude Elizabeth (Countryman) Haught married John Irwin Pierce, born June 25, 1902, at his family home in Orangevale, Sacramento County, California, March 11, 1929. No issue.

Joseph Donald Sawtelle, son of Maude Elizabeth (Countryman) Sawtelle, married Miss Patricia Ilene Langridge of Melbourne, Austrailia, in Austrailia. No issue. The second marriage of Joseph Donald Sawtelle was to Miss Sarah Jane Duskett, born July 10, 1925, Springfield, Missouri, on November 1, 1949, at Reno, Nevada. Two children were born to this marriage, both at Oroville, California: Leslie Jane Sawtelle, born January 16, 1951, and Carleton Jay Sawtelle, born October 3, 1955. Sarah Jane Sawtelle died at Oroville, Butte County, California. Joseph Donald Sawtelle married Mrs. Audrey Miller on August 15, 1976, at Reno, Nevada. No issue. Leslie Jane Sawtelle married Greg Baker, born November 9, 1951, at Reno, Nevada, November 15, 1969. Two children were born to this marriage, both at Oroville, California: Kimberly Dawn Baker, born March 25, 1971, and Steven Todd Baker, born August 15, 1974. Carleton Jay Sawtelle married Mrs. Darlene Dukes at Reno, Nevada, March 26, 1977. He is divorced and has a daughter, Jenefer Kelli Sawtelle, born December 8, 1978.

Jacquelyn Leslie Haught, daughter of Maude Elizabeth (Countryman) Haught, married Thomas Griffin of Kentucky (born in 1922) at Oroville, California, November 1, 1943. A son was born to this marriage, but died at birth. Jacquelyn Leslie (Haught) Griffin married Paul G. Bullard (born November 5, 1918, at Oroville, California) at Reno, Nevada, December 26, 1948. A son was born to this marriage, Gregory Paul Bullard, May 19, 1952, at Oroville, California. Jacquelyn Leslie Bullard married Harold J. Lentich at Carson City, Nevada.

by Maude Pierce

COUNTRYMAN, MAUDE VIVIAN

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Maude Vivian Countryman, sister of Claude and daughter of William E. Countryman.

Maude, of William, of Isiah, of George.

Maude Vivian Countryman was born on a farm west of Lincoln, Indiana, on August 6, 1881, and resided there until her death on December 5, 1944. This farm was located in the county of Cass, township of Jackson, near Lincoln. She was never married. She was one of the two children of William Edward and Sarah (Howard) Countryman and the granddaughter of Isiah and Sarah (Crull) Countryman.

She was a member of the first graduating class of four-year course from the Galveston High School. She attended normal school in Logansport and taught in Galveston for a few years.

When Maude was a young woman she joined the Universalist Church in Galveston and was a loyal, faithful member. All her life she was interested in church and community affairs. She was an active member of Jackson Township Home Economics Club, as long as her health permitted, and served for some time on the Jackson Township School Board.

This infomation was obtained from her obituary, Jhn Tmas Co. Funeral Service.

by Jo Benjamin

COUNTRYMAN, MERTON ALVIN & KATHERINE (STEPHENS)

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Merton, of Alvin, of John I., Jr., of John I., Sr., of John, of Conrad.

The Blanchard family, Christmas 1979: Glenn A. Balanchard and Carolyn (Countryman) Blanchard with their sons, Roger (left, born 1-1-54) and Raymond (right, born 7-?-46). Carolyn (8-6-19 to 11-26-82) was the daughter of Merton Alvin and Katherine (Stephens) Countryman.

My father was Merton Alvin Countryman, born July 27, 1875. He was the youngest of four children born to Alvin and Jennie (Jane Ellen) Wagner Countryman, and the only son.

Merton attended the University of Wisconsin and became an engineer. It was while he was in charge of building a section of railroad near Troy, Missouri, that he met my mother, Katherine Mary Stephens. She was a student at Buchanan College in Troy, majoring in music. She was very tall and very attractive and was about ten years younger than my father. Her mother insisted that she finish her college education before she married. She and my father were married on June 16, 1904. She was 19.

My father's job with the railroad was completed and his father wanted him to take over the management of his farms. His father had built a home in Rochelle, Illinois, and planned to retire. Merton's father and mother were one of four Countryman brothers who had married four Wagner sisters: Norman and Elizabeth in 1854, Harvey and Laura in 1861; Alvin and Jennie in 1863, and John Ervin and Rose in 1865. I believe there were 16 double first cousins. All four couples lived to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversaries. Uncle John married for a second time after his wife died. I remember he and Aunt Mate used to go to Florida every winter, and in the summer he used to have a garden at my grandmother's house.

I don't remember my grandfather because he died when I was about two years old. My grandmother and my Aunt Emma lived in the house and we used to go up and visit them and spend the night sometimes. I remember my brother, Alvin, making a radio (a crystal set) from a diagram he got from somewhere and taking it up so my grandmother could listen to a church service on the radio. My grandmother was blind in her later years, but she still knit mittens for us.

My grandfather and his brothers were all farmers and owned several farms each. Their father had bought the land from the government and sold it to his sons who went west to break the land. It was virgin prairie. They were from Herkimer County, New York. When they retired they all built big Victorian homes in Rochelle. My grandfather's was on a corner lot. Behind him was Grace Phelps' home and her son Harvey's home. Across the alley was Ida Craft's home, and across the street was Louetta Fouser (Uncle Norman's daughter). Cousin Alonzo and Cousin Carrie also lived in the same area. Sometimes my sister Mary and my brother, Alvin, and I used to walk up to visit them on a Sunday afternoon. Cousin Carrie used to let us play her player piano and she used to pop corn for us. Her granddaughter, Dorothy Countryman, was a good friend of Mary's.

I remember the tall elms trees in Rochelle that made a canopy across the streets. I was born after my parents moved to Rochelle. They farmed for about ten years, then my father opened an electrical appliance store in Rochelle. He wired a lot of houses. Electricity was becoming available. My sister Carolyn was born when I was six years old. My older sister, Mary, was eight years older. My brother was two and a half years older and we were pretty good friends.

When I was ten years old we left Rochelle and moved to Ames, Iowa, where Iowa State College was. I guess my parents felt with four children to educate they would be better off in a college town. It was a big move. The furniture was shipped by train, and we started out to drive to Ames in a Buick touring car. We got as far as Cedar Rapids, Iowa, but the roads were so bad and muddy we had to leave the car and travel the rest of the way by train. My father made several trips back to bring the car to Ames. It wasn't too many years later that the highway was paved.

My parents had bought a large, frame rooming house, and they planned to rent rooms to students. I know that my mother and her mother, who lived with us, worked hard getting everything ready. I'm also sure it must have been hard to leave Rochelle and all their friends and my grandmother and Aunt Emma. I was only ten and I readily adjusted to a new school and new friends. So did my brother. Mary went to Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, for her first year, but transferred the next year to Iowa State.

We had 24 students rooming with us, all but two of them freshmen. They did a lot of roughhousing and broke a lot of bed slats, and my father used to have to go up and make them quiet down sometimes.

In the winter we had a fire. It damaged the roof. Fortunately it happened about noon and was soon under control. Some of the boys on the third floor had to move out for a week or so, but as soon as temporary repairs were made to the roof they all came back. By spring the house had been fully repaired and my father had rented it to the Gamma Phi Beta sorority, much to the chagrin of the students.

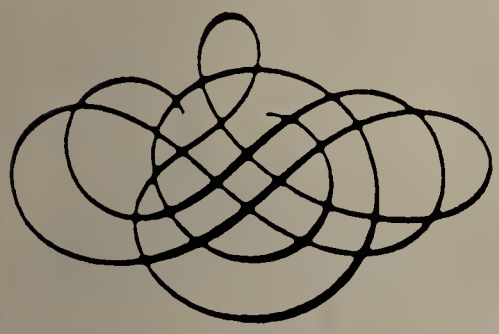
We lived in a rented house at 222 Stanton Ave. for about five years. Then my father bought another big house that had been a fraternity house. He made an apartment house out of it and we lived on the first floor. My mother lived there and ran the apartment house for about 15 years after my father died, and when World War II came along, I lived there with my children for about four years and my younger sister, Carolyn, lived there while our husbands were in the service.

My older sister, Mary, had married a graduate student, an entomologist, and they moved to California after he got his doctor's degree. She and Franklin had four children. I had six over a period of about 15 years. I married a veterinarian and lived first in

Norwalk, Connecticut, then in Wilton, after the war. It was too bad that we were so far apart. Our children never really got to know their cousins. Carolyn married an architectural engineer, Glenn A. Blanchard. They lived in North St. Paul, Minnesota, for a long time, and then they lived in Tacoma, Washington. They had two sons. My brother, Alvin, married Edith Dana. He was a safety engineer for Maytag in Newton, Iowa. They had two daughters, Dana and Kathy. There are 14 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

My sister Mary died in 1957, Alvin died in 1959, and Carolyn died in 1982, so I am the only surviving offspring. My mother is still alive and is 101 years old. She is in a nursing home near me. I brought her to Connecticut in 1971 after she had had a slight stroke.

by Marjorie (Countryman) Guthrie



COUNTRYMAN, MICHAEL WAYNE & ELLEN (JANSSEN)

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Back row: Ellen (Janssen) and Michael Wayne Countryman. Front row left to right: Martin Studer, Matthew Studer, and Michael Andrew Countryman.

Michael, of Donald, of Jackson Delbert, of Andrew Jackson, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Frederich.

Michael Wayne, son of Donald Elwood and Winnie (Bolles) Countryman, was born October 28, 1952, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, in Sioux City, Iowa. My family consisted of two boys and two girls. The eldest was my brother, Donald Craig, Jr., then me, followed by my sister Patricia Jean and my sister LuAnne, the youngest.

I attended Woodbury Central School at Moville, Iowa, until I reached the sixth grade, at which time I moved to Rock Branch, Iowa, with my family. I then completed my education at Eastwood Community School in Correctionville, Iowa. Upon graduating, I enlisted in the United States Air National Guard and was shipped to Texas for training as a medical administrative specialist. Upon completion of my training, I returned to Correctionville and was married in January of 1972. This marriage continued for eight years before being dissolved. No children came of this union.

In 1981 I married again, to Ellen K. Janssen of Belmond, Iowa, where we made our home for two years. In this time, Michael Andrew was born on July 6, 1982, which was my sister Patti's birthday and that of his namesake, Andrew Jackson Countryman. He was preceded by two brothers by Ellen's previous marriage, Matthew and Martin.

In October of 1982 we moved to Parkman, Wyoming, where I took a job breaking horses and attending field work on the ranch. This was only 128 miles from the Horace Countryman ranch in Columbus, Montana. This move proved to be more than interesting by the time my favorite horse, Razz, was finally shipped out on a stock trailer. This was one of the most memorable times of my life. The beauty and openness of this country overwhelmed me. The ranch I worked on still held on to the old ways of driving herds of cattle on horseback and roping calves to be pulled to the branding fires for spring branding. At this time I registered a brand in our name with the state of Wyoming. This was a time I believe even my children will remember for years to come.

Due to economic problems, we were forced to move back to Iowa in 1985, and I took employment in a manufacturing plant there. Due to continued economic decline, we were again forced to move, which brings us to our current address in Boerne, Texas. I am currently employed as a construction foreman in San Antonio Texas.

by Michael Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, MILLARD FLOYD

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Millard, of Clare, of Floyd, of Daniel, of John I, of John, of Conradt I.

Millard Floyd Countryman was born May 06, 1926, at Rochelle, Illinois, the only son of Elizabeth Margaret DeLaney and Clare Alonzo Countryman. During the early years, Millard and his parents lived in Rochelle, later moving to DeKalb. Milliard attended school in DeKalb. While in the eighth grade, he had an almost critical bout of pneumonia and was among the first users of penicillin, which saved his life. During his high school years at DeKalb High, he followed his father's love of sports and played varsity football for four years and was on the basketball squad. Following his graduation in 1944, Mill (as he was called) worked on the 320-acre farm that his father, Clare, had rented east of Clare, Illinois.

Millard Floyd Countryman (born May 6, 1926), taken at boot camp, Fort Riley, Kansas.

Mill enlisted into the United States Army the summer of 1950 for three years during the Korean War. Those three years turned out to be 20, taking him through different military units and many different places: Infantry boot camp was at Fort Riley, Kansas; he was at least three years in Alaska in the 4th Reg. Infantry of 93 AAA Battalion; then to 707 AAA Artillery and 865 Missile Battalion at Los Angeles, California; from 1958 to 1962 he was working with NIKI Herculeon missiles; 1963 he was with the field artillery; 1965 to 1966 he was in Korea; 1966 to 1967 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; 1968 to 1969, 7th and 13th Field Artillery in Germany; 1969 to 1970, 5th Mechanized Armored Division in Vietnam; and he retired after his return to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, March 31, 1971. He is a member of the VFW and the Moose in Cocoa, Florida.

Millard married Mary Jane (Jackson) Lester while he was serving at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. They had met while Mill was stationed near her home in San Marcos, Texas. She had six children from a previous marriage. Their only child, Patrick Floyd, was born October 10, 1967, in the U.S. Army Hospital, Fort Campbell, Christian County, Kentucky. Mary Jane and the family travled to Germany for what was to be a three-year tour of duty. But he was recalled and notified that he was to report to duty in Vietnam for a year. He settled the family at Rockledge, Florida, near his father's home, before reporting to duty. Mary Jane died suddenly at their home on June 17, 1972. Her funeral service was held at the Wylie-Baxter Funeral Home in Rockledge, Florida, with her burial in a cemetery north of Cocoa, Florida.

Millard married Doris Wilks on June 05, 1982, and they are still living at the same residence with Patrick. Pat graduated from Rockledge High School in June of 1985 and is working in Rockledge.

by Janet (Countryman) Current

COUNTRYMAN, MYRLIN G.

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Myrlin, of William.

Aerial photo of "Countryman Homestead" taken in 1979. It is presently owned by Alice Countryman. Conrad and Martha Countryman and their sons, Danny and Matt, farm the farm and live in the farm house.

Myrlin Goembel Countryman was born May 4, 1904, at the home of his parents, William and Sylvia (Goembel) Countryman, three miles west of Hooppole in Yorktown Township, Henry County, Illinois.

Myrlin attended Hooppole Grove School (so named because the poles used to make hoops grew near there) and Geneseo Collegiate Institute (the equivalent of a high school) where he played football. He was tall, 6' 3," and played on a community basketball team. Myrlin sang in a quartet in Hooppole which included his brother Dwight. His sister Anita usually played the piano for them.

On September 3, 1927, he married Louise Simpson. She was born April 9, 1907, the daughter of Norman and Golda (White) Simpson. The wedding was performed by Myrlin's Uncle Ed Countryman who was a minister in the Evangelical Church. They built a new house across the road and a little to the east of Myrlin's parents with the help of Uncle Ed Countryman. A daughter, Ruth, was born to them September 30, 1931.

Louise had an extended illness of what was called infection of the heart and died February 18, 1933, when their only daughter was two years old.

As Myrlin's mother had died in 1929, he and Ruth moved back to the "family home" with William and Anita, Myrlin's sister who was 16. Anita thought it was rather a scary job taking care of them all. But Ruth and Anita grew up to be fast friends. The house Myrlin built was then sold and moved to Hooppole. Anita lived at home until she married Edison Mathis in 1938.

Myrlin was involved in organization of the Hooppole Plowing Match which was a community fair that demonstrated "new-fangled" moldboard plows and tractors. He was interested in all tractors and equipment, especially "those green ones," and was one of the first in the area to have a tractor. Occasionally this Countryman family has had a renegade red or other off-breed, but mostly Myrlin's family has stuck to green. Of course, then, John Countryman, his nephew across the field is partial to "red." Myrlin was interested in contour farming, too. Later in his life he was a commissioner on the Union Special Drainage District. His son Conrad later replaced the man who took Myrlin's place on that same board.

The Countryman home of William and Myrlin was one of the first in the area to have electricity with remodeling and installation of a Delco plant in 1929. It was also one of the first with "indoor plumbing."

Myrlin served on the Hooppole Grove school board in the last few years of its existence (an important place for community gathering) and later on the Prophetstown High School board for nine years.

Myrlin married Alice Louise Larson of Prophetstown August 23, 1941, in Hannibal, Missouri. She was born September 30, 1912, the daughter of John and Hilda (Carlson) Larson. Both of her parents were born in Sweden. Alice herself did not speak English until she started school. Alice graduated from Prophetstown High School and attended DeKalb Normal School for one year and several summers. She taught school for ten years, including six years at Hooppole Grove where she met Myrlin, before teaching several more years at Jackson Street School near her home. Alice was first a member of Prophetstown Lutheran Church. She became a member of Zion Evangelical Church where Myrlin was also a member when their first son was baptized.

They had two sons, David Allan, born February 26, 1944, and Conrad Myrlin, born September 27, 1947.

Myrlin milked 18 cows in the "basement" of the big barn built in 1879 by Abraham Countryman. Myrlin and Alice purchased the farm from William in 1956. In 1963 they bought a neighboring farm from the Beuchel family, making the total size of the farm 340 acres.

Myrlin built several buildings on the farm. Clayton's son Bill helped him build a machine shed. His son-in-law Jack Thompson helped build a cattle shed and hog shed. Silos were put up by Myrlin. He remodeled the kitchen and put in an abundance of new kitchen cupboards.

Alice and Myrlin moved to a house purchased in Prophetstown in February 1971 when Conrad married. Conrad had taken over the farming the previous fall due to Myrlin's failing health, in particular lung problems that had plagued him and his brother Dwight their whole lives.

Alice continued her habit of many flowers and made their home on the corner a showplace of many colors. Alice faithfully cared for Myrlin until his death November 30, 1972.

After Myrlin's death, Alice then joined several clubs and has lead an active life. She has been a volunteer at the Good Samaritan Center Nursing Home in Prophetstown. She spends lots of time baking, crocheting, and helping friends and neighbors.

Alice had a heart attack followed by bypass surgery (five bypasses) in November 1976. It was complicated by emergency ulcer surgery, so she had a slow recovery. But she was able to return to a very active life, in part due to her dedication to walking vigorously every day. Alice had another heart attack Thanksgiving Day of 1984. Her prognosis was not very good, but she worked very hard at therapy and was very determined to return to life on her own after she felt God had given her back her life.

Myrlin and Alice were active in organizing the Countryman-Goembel Reunion which began in 1948 at White Pines State Park, Polo, Illinois, half-way between the relatives in the Rockford and Prophetstown-Geneseo area. The reunion still takes place the second Sunday of every July at the same location.

by Martha Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, NANCY ANN

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Nancy Ann (Countryman) Vaughn Taft, taken about 1904.

Nancy Ann (Countryman) Vaughn Taft

Nancy, of John C., of Conrad 3, of Conrad 2, of Conrad 1.

Nancy Ann, daughter of John C. and Nellie (Christmas) Countryman, was born in Herkimer County, New York, September 12, 1834. She died at LaPorte City, Iowa, January 24, 1924, and was buried at Westview Cemetery near LaPorte City.

She was married to Vinson DeLos Vaughn about 1855. He was a son of George and Hulda "Polly" (Eastman) Vaughn. He died May 2, 1902, at Guide Rock, Nebraska, and was buried in the Guide Rock Cemetery. He was born in Lafayette, Medina County, Ohio, April 19, 1837. Two children were born to this marriage: Olivia Almelia, born November 27, 1857, near Wyoming, Iowa; and Orville DeLos, born June 11, 1861. Nancy Ann and Vinson D. Vaughn were divorced during the Civil War era.

Nancy later married Mr. Cyrus Taft on June 22, 1866, in DeKalb County, Illinois. Children of this marriage were Eva, Mary, Charles, and Ida.

Eva L. Taft, born April 13, 1865, married Oren R. King in Blackhawk County, Iowa, April 17, 1882. They had one son, Dios Oliver,

dates unknown. Eva King died at Waterloo, Iowa, December 26, 1932, and was buried at the Westview Cemetery, LaPorte City, Iowa.

Mary Viola Taft was born April 17, 1866. She married August Stracke July 16, 1883, in Blackhawk County, Iowa. Two daughters were born to this marriage. Dottie Stracke married John T. Welfare. The other Stracke daughter married George Mickey. Mary Viola Stracke died July 28, 1945, at Burley, Idaho.

Charles Wesley Taft, son of Cyrus and Nancy Ann, was born August 8, 1871. He was married to Margaret E. Whitehead; no record of children has been found to date. Charles W. Taft died at the University Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa, August 11, 1947, and was buried at the Masonic Cemetery, New Sharon, Iowa. His wife was a daughter of William and Jennie Whitehead and died May 19, 1966.

Ida Elnora Taft was born June 18, 1877. She married Frederick J. Reed at LaPorte City, Iowa, December 8, 1897. In 1911 they moved to Minnesota. She died February 9, 1952, and was buried at the Lakeside Cemetery, Osakis, Minnesota. Children of Ida and Frederick Reed are Harold, Alma (married Lyle Lunceford), Earl, Marvel, and Cyril (died June 4, 1943). Mr. Reed died April 2, 1932.

by Rosalie (Johnson) Reid

COUNTRYMAN, NOAH

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Noah, of Peter, Jr., of Peter, of George, of Andrew or Henry, of John Frederick Contreman.

Noah Countryman, youngest son of Peter, wed Clarinda Ellen Stephens October 24, 1882. Their children were Frederick, Estella, Weltha, John Fremont, William Jay, and Jesse Clyde.

Noah married Clarinda Ellen Stephens and Clarinda's mother married the oldest brother, Josiah. Josiah Countryman was married on March 13, 1866, to Mrs. Rachel Angeline (Forney) Stephens. Rachel Angeline (Forney) Stephens was the widow of Josiah Stephens, a Civil War soldier who was wounded and died in September 1862. Clarinda Ellen Stephens was born after her father, Josiah Stephens, was killed in action and never saw her father.

Noah and Clarinda, and Josiah and Rachel are buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery near Douds, Iowa.

by David W. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, NOAH SHERMAN

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Noah Sherman Countryman was an orphan and raised by a family named "Garman" in the state of Kansas, near Burr Oak. He was married to a schoolteacher, Hattie Ulrey, whose family came from Iowa. They farmed in various places in Colorado, Idaho, and Kansas.

To this union were born nine children: Melvin (June 8, 1894–February 24, 1978) never married; Mary (June 30, 1897–December 22, 1975) married Irvin Ihrig and had one child; Charles (July 3, 1899–January 1, 1965) married Opal Davis and had three children; Earl (August 10, 1901–October 1930) never married; Hazel (October 30, 1905–October 29, 1976) married Ray Hardman and had two children; Estelle (November 24, 19??–) married William Noteware and is living in Denver, Colorado; Orville (August 26, 1908–October 25, 1979) married Lillian Riebe and had two children; Pearl lived to four years; and Fern died at birth.

Melvin was a farmer with his father; after the death of his father he and his mother continued on the farm until the children were all grown and on their own. Mary taught school; her husband was a school administrator. Charles was a postal worker in Sterling, Colorado. His wife was a schoolteacher. Earl was an electrician; he was killed in a fire at a young age. Hazel, a schoolteacher, was married to Ray who was a glazier and later a fireman. Estelle, a schoolteacher, later became a resort owner and supervisor. Orville, my husband, was an administrator in the schools of Colorado for 42 years.

Orville is deceased and I, his wife, would like to keep the record of his family on file. I am sending you these dates as I remember them. There is so much more to the story than I can record here. Nothing was ever written down. I will contribute what I remember in hopes that it will help someone else who is searching for knowledge of their family. Estelle Noteware is the one remaining member of the family.

Orville and I were married October 21, 1933, in Denver, Colorado. Orville was first principal of Graylin Heights High School, north and west of Sterling, Colorado. From there he was educational advisor in the CCC for three years, in and near Glenwood Springs, Colorado. He then became superintendent of schools in Grand Valley, Colorado, now known as Parachute, Colorado. After seven years, he returned to school at the University of Colorado where he received his master's degree in 1950. After graduation he became superintendent of schools in Dolores, Colorado, where he remained for six years. In 1954 he became superintendent of schools in Del Norte, Colorado, where he stayed for 19 years. Upon his retirement from the field of education, he joined the firm of Martz Realty in Del Norte, Colorado.

Two daughters were born to our union:

Phyllis Jean was graduated from the University of Colorado with a degree in nursing. She was a captain in the Army Nurse Corp, and traveled extensively throughout the world. She is married to Col. Wm. D. Richter of the United States Army and has three children. Her oldest daughter is a cadet in West Point. A daughter and son remain at home in Tampa, Florida.

Our second daughter, Glennis Fern, was graduated from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado, with a degree in home economics. She taught one year in Manitou Springs, Colorado, then went on to Santa Maria, California, where she taught for four years. While teaching in the Del Norte schools, she was married to Larry Martz of Martz Realty. She is presently the bookkeeper and a salesperson for Martz Realty, Inc. Larry and Glennis have one son and one daughter. Glennis is a very active member of the community, and is choir director in the Pioneer United Church.

This is a very brief summary of the Countryman family.

by Lillian E. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, PAUL DAVID & MILDRED (LEECH)

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Mildred (Leech) and Paul Countryman, son of Edwin and Lottie (Goembel) Countryman. Photo taken in Rockford, Illinois, on their wedding day 7 September 1937. The ceremony took place at the Evangelical Church parsonage in Rockford.

Paul and Mildred Countryman, 30 years later, in 1967. They resided in Burritt Township, Winnebago County, Illinois.

Paul, of Edwin, of Abram, of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Paul David Countryman was born 7 December 1912 at Cedarville, Stephenson County, Illinois, to Edwin and Lottie Viola (Goembel) Countryman. He joined Ruth, age 14; Lowell, age 10; and Grace, age 6. That year his father had been appointed to pastor the congregations of the Cedarville and Afolky

United Evangelical churches. The following July (1913) Paul was baptized by his father. When Paul was four his family was moved to Hampshire, Kane County. In the town school he received his first three years of public education.

In 1922 the family moved to Geneseo, Henry County, and lived with grandparents Samuel and Rebecca (Zinser) Goembel for two years. Father Edwin was serving the churches at Loraine and at Ebenezer (Phenix Township), and also building a house next door to the Goembels, where they were to live for the next two years. Remarkably, at age 11, Paul learned to drive his dad's 1914 Buick. Paul attended the fourth through seventh grades in Geneseo. Then the family moved into the vacant Loraine parsonage, which his father was to remodel, and Paul was graduated from the one-room country district school. He began learning farming by helping his married brother, Lowell, for one or two summers at the Emil Weber farm. Emil was an uncle of Lowell's wife, Alma (Weber).

Paul atended one semester at Geneseo High School, traveling the 12 miles with neighbors in a Model T Ford. With the impending retirement of his parents to a farm eight miles northwest of Rockford in April 1928, Paul transferred to Rockford Lincoln Junior High School for the second semester of ninth grade. He was in the first graduating class from that school. He entered tenth grade at Rockford High School, but the size of the school and the subject of Latin proved overwhelming to this "country boy." After one semester he left Rockford and the home of his sister Ruth, whose husband, Byron Fay Mock, was practicing medicine in Rockford at the time, to return to his parents' farm.

In 1932 Paul visited his married sister Grace in Elmhurst, DuPage County, and helped some in his brother-in-law Milton Barth's hardware store. In 1933 he returned, via hitchhiking to Chicago and train to Elmhurst, to become an employee in the hardware store. A highlight of that year for him was attending the Chicago World's Fair. At the store that year and also in 1934 he sharpened lawn mowers, glazed windows, did plumbing, made deliveries, and clerked during the fall school sale and the Christmas rush. He returned to the farm when needed, or when the hardware business was slack.

Paul worked at the Claude Weber farm in Loraine Township in 1935. Claude was a cousin of Alma (Weber) Countryman. In 1936 and 1937 he was hired by the Milnes who owned farms close to father Edwin's farm in Burritt Township, Winnebago County. He once bought a Model T Ford for $12.50, which he claims was the best car he ever had!

Paul and Mildred Lucille Leech met on a blind date and were married 7 September 1937 at the Rockford Evangelical parsonage by the Reverend John Hoerner. Mildred was born 19 September 1914 at Durand, Winnebago County, to Lenard and Elisabeth (Black) Leech. Mildred's sister, Hazel, was born three years later. Both parents died when the girls were very young. After Grandmother Leech, in Rockford, was no longer able to care for them, they went to North Dakota, at ages 9 and 12, to live with an uncle. When Mildred became of age she moved back to Rockford and met Paul!

The newlyweds first lived on father Edwin's farm. Mother Lottie had gone to Geneseo to care for her ailing father, Samuel Goembel, and was later joined by Edwin. When Samuel died in November 1938 they came back to the farm, and Paul and Mildred went to work on a farm in Stillman Valley, Ogle County. The work there was very difficult and after one year they left and moved to Loves Park, north of Rockford. Here they ran a grocery store at 5646 North Second Street and lived upstairs for two years. During this time Paul also worked as a digger for the plumber next door.

In 1941 they purchased the 100-acre farm at the northwest corner of Telegraph and Eddie Roads in Burritt Township, 12 miles northwest of Rockford. Since 1942 only the front half has been farmed, and trees began sprouting on the back, fallow acreage. In 1953 Paul went to work for the Dean Dairy Company in Rockford and rented out the tillable acreage. When the company began bulk hauling, Paul taught procedures and was valuable as a problem solver. He retired in 1977 after 24½ years.

Mildred, who loved sewing and crafts, was lost to cancer on 27 December 1970 at the age of 56 years 3 months 8 days. The funeral service was held at the Burritt Methodist Church, of which they were members. She is buried at the Burritt-North Cemetery. Sister Hazel Boomer was left with three young children when her husband died about 1959. The youngest, Susie, was especially fond of her Uncle Paul, who understood her needs and helped with her education.

In 1975 Paul became interested in the Harken Rock Run Long Rifles club, and has allowed them the use of his back acreage for their 1830s and 1840s re-enactments.

by Lorraine Weick

COUNTRYMAN, PETER & MAGDELENA "LANY" (HARWICK)

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Peter, of Conrad M., of Marcus, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Friedrich.

Peter Countryman was born, according to the original *Countryman Genealogy*, in 1801. His father was Conrad M. Countryman (b. 6/18/1749; d. 3/31/1817) and his mother was Margaretha Becker (b. 6/1760). He had two brothers, Marcus and Adam M., and three sisters, Catharena, Margaretha, and Elizabetha. Very little information has survived about Peter. The information provided here was put together from documentary research in the Mohawk Valley. It is contributed in the hope that other descendants will recognize it, and come forward with more information to complete the picture.

Peter's name can be found in the published church records throughout the 1810–1820 period as a witness to the baptism of his brothers' children, primarily those of Marcus and Anna Countryman; his name also appears with Adam Countyman. There is another Marcus at the same time (probably the son of John M.), but his wife's name was Catherine. The only other Peter of the same age was the son of Conrad C. Countryman, although this decade saw the birth of several more of the name Peter.

The next published reference to Peter is in the records of the Reformed Church of German Flatts. He is shown with Madlenae Harwick at the baptism of a son Peter (January 13, 1829), sponsors Marks and Anna Countryman. Through the Fonda Archives it is possible to identify her. She was born December 26th, 1801 (St. Paul's Lutheran Church), in the Town of Minden, Montgomery County. Her parents were Jacob Herwigh and his wife Elizabeth. Her sisters were Maria (September 24, 1803) and Catherine (March 8, 1806). Her father's parents were Joost Harwich (bap. April 11, 1768) and Chistina Filips/Philips (Dutch Reformed Church — Albany, New York). Jost was an enlisted man in the 6th Regiment of the Albany County Militia, covering Rensselaerwyck, during the American Revolution. The family name probably goes back to the original Palatine pioneer, Casper Harwigh. According to the account of Olive Huff (see Benjamin Countryman), Lany was beautiful, with long blond hair. Also, according to Olive, she had an out-of-wedlock child, Jim Wicks, who later settled in Ilion. We see a German Flatts baptismal record for a boy Jacob W., June 15, 1819: Jacob Week and Magdalena Harwich parents, witness Jacob and Elizabeth Harwich.

In 1821, Peter, then Adam and then Marcus all sold their land to John Davies (Herkimer County records), given to them by their father, Conrad. As it bordered Bellinger Road, this probably explains why Conrad 1's will gave nothing to his second son, Marcus: as he had married Catherine Bellinger, the Bellingers had provided for him already, land passed on in part to Conrad M. The 1830 census shows a Peter Countryman living in Little Falls. The ages of the family are close enough to it identify as most likely this Peter. There are two adults "over 30," a son over six, a girl and two boys under six, of which one must have been Peter above. The New York state census in 183? shows a similar family for Peter Countryman living in Herkimer. This, however, is the last trace of Peter (the 1840 Oneida County record shows a much younger family). It's the last trace of this family until the 1850 census. There, in Clayton, Jefferson County, New York, Lany Countryman is living with her son Benjamin (born November 15, 1833 in Little Falls), but with no other members of a family! Lany continued to live with Benjamin until her death in 1880. She is buried in the Brownsville, New York, cemetery in the family plot of her son Benjamin. Local records note that she was Mrs. Peter Countryman.

Anyone with further or better information is encouraged to contribute.

by Lucian Russell

COUNTRYMAN, PETER & MARGARET (NICHOLAS)

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Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Peter Countryman, son of Conrad 2nd, was

Margaret (1807–1888) and Peter (1803–1872) Countryman, about 1850.

Monument erected November 1985 at Spring Grove Cemetery, Palo, Iowa.

born in Canada, January 15, 1803. Little is known of his early life except that his father, Conrad 2nd, had gone to Canada after serving in the Revolutionary War (Clyde Regiment, Diefendorf Company, New York Rev., Roster, Rockford Library). Here his father, Jacob, and younger brother, John, had already made their home prior to the war.

Some time before 1800 the father, Conrad, built a sawmill in Ontario, on the Humber River, and married Cornelia Flensburg, April 10, 1796. Later in 1803 he received a grant and was living in Hountg Township (?) in the Glengarry area.

From a letter written by my grandfather, Andrew J. Countryman, we read as follows:

"What I know about Conrad 2nd is, he had four sons and two daughters, and have good reason to believe they run like this, Jacob, William, Peter, Mary, John and Katie. These were the family of Conrad 2nd. Wether [*sic*] Grandfather died in Canada I don't know — yes, I do, for if he died there my Mother would never have seen him. I think he came back with his whole family to Rochester, New York. There my father made the acquaintance of one Miss Margaret Nicholas, born May 20, 1807, and was married in Buffalo, New York, July 11, 1823.

"My Grandpa was in the Revlutionary [*sic*] War for he was in hiding and the Red Coats passed so near he could hear them breathe. I could not say where he died, but it appears that my father and my Uncles and Aunts and probably the Nicholas' moved to a place called Parma, Ohio, where all my brothers and sisters were born except me.

"Of course Uncle William has been dead for some years, still I think I could find some of his children yet living in Lee County, Illinois, where they run a large stock farm. Uncle Jacob and Uncle John died in California and I think my Aunt Mary married a Pickard and several years ago she was alive and reports — still weaving. I have oft heard Maw and Pa talk of Pickards. My Aunt Katie married a Thorp who lived, I think in Ohio." (December 20th, 1908.)

Copied from a biographical sketch of Dennis Countryman, son of Peter and Margaret (Nicholas) Countryman:

"Peter and Margaret Nicholas Countryman, the former a native of Canada, and the latter of Maine. When a young man the father moved to Buffalo, New York, was there married, was afterward engaged in milling in Ohio, and in 1845 removed to Rock County, Wisconsin. He built a mill at Janesville, Wisconsin, on the Rock River, also purchased and improved claims in that county. In 1854 located and erected a mill at Wadena, Fayette County, Iowa, later built a gristmill, and was engaged in milling there until 1860.

"In that year he removed to Kansas, later returned to Fayette County, and in the spring of 1861 started overland to California.

"He drove four yoke of oxen, was six months enroute, spent one winter in that State, and then returned to Washoe City, Nevada, engaging in quartz-milling. In 1865 Mr. Countryman returned to Linn County, Iowa, later went to Davis County, Iowa, where he died August 29, 1872.

"The mother departed this life at Moville, Woodbury County, Iowa, on May 19, 1888. Both were buried in Linn County, this state [in Spring Grove Cemetery, northwest of Cedar Rapids, Iowa]."

Their children (all born in Ohio except Andrew J., who was born in Wisconsin) were: *Horace* , born September 8, 1824, died January 15, 1898, at Columbus, Montana, buried at Deer Lodge, Montana; *Lewis A.* , born April 15, 1826, died January 12, 1836, in Wisconsin; *Alexander* , born February 19, 1828, died December 19, 1906, in Columbus, Montana; *Eli* , born February 17, 1830, died April 30, 1880, in California, buried at Indiana Ranch near Dobbins, California; *Sarah* , born June 8, 1832, died November 14, 1835, in Wisconsin; *Margaret* , born October 6, 1834, died August 17, 1845, at Janesville, Wisconsin; *Lewis 2nd* , born February 27, 1837, died August 31, 1908, at Moville, Iowa, buried at Rock Branch Cemetery, rural Correctionville, Iowa; *John* , born March 31, 1839, died April 12, 1862, at Marysville, California; *Dennis* , born June 29, 1841, died August 14, 1926, Ipswich, South Dakota, buried at Ida Grove, Iowa; *George W.* , born August 1, 1843, died December 29, 1861, Marysville, California; and *Andrew J.* , born July 6, 1846, died July 19, 1927, Moville, Iowa, buried Arlington Cemetery, Woodbury County, Moville, Iowa.

From this history of their son Dennis Countryman and a plat of Spring Grove Cemetery, Palo, Iowa, this writer together with a grandson, Dennis Countryman of Des Moines, Iowa, and our wives, traveled to Palo and with the assistance of Tom Rawson, sexton of Spring Grove Cemetery, found two unmarked graves on lot #3, listed to Dennis Countryman, owner.

Thus it was that the final resting place of Peter and Margaret Countryman, parents of this pioneer family, was found.

At our last Countryman reunion, August 4, 1985, arrangements were made, a collection was taken, and a suitable monument was placed in their memory.

by Ardell Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, PETER (GUNTERMAN)

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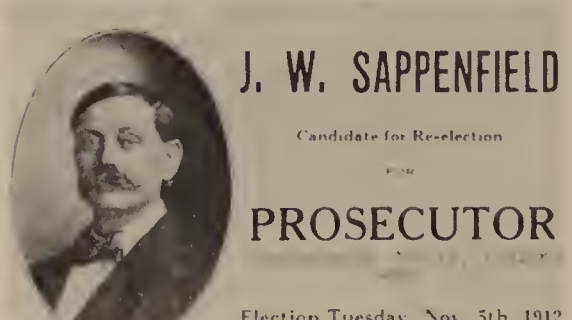
Peter, son of Capt. Henry.

Peter Countryman (Gunterman), son of Capt. Henry Countryman, born ca. 1765–67, married first Elizabeth –?–; married second

Elizabeth Malinda (Gonterman) Seward, wife of Edwin M. Seward. Taken in Evansville, Indiana, probably in the 1890s.

Edwin M. Seward, husband of Elizabeth Malinda Gonterman. Taken in Evansville, Indiana, probably in the 1890s.

Clara Ellen Seward, daughter of Edwin M. Seward and Elizabeth (Gonterman) Seward. Taken in Evansville, Indiana, ca. 1885-90.



John Willard Sappenfield, husband of Clara Ellen Seward. Taken in Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana, 1912, when he was running for re-election as prosecuting attorney in Vanderburgh County.

Venner Seward Sappenfield (twin of Victor), son of John Willard and Clara Ellen (Seward) Sappenfield. Taken in 1918, during World War I, when a member of the Student Military Training Corps, Purdue University, Indiana.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Rawlings) Hartt, widow of Miles Hartt, 7 March 1797, Nelson County, Kentucky, by whom he had three daughters. The story goes that Elizabeth (Rawlings) Hartt and her first family were captured by Indians about 1790 near Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Her husband, Miles Hartt, and one child were killed and one child escaped. Elizabeth was held captive for several years by the Indians, but was eventually sold to a French trader in Detroit, who brought her back to Kentucky after she convinced him that he would be well paid. Thereafter she married Peter Gunterman.

Issue of Peter's First Marriage

(1) George Gunterman, born 30 January 1787 in Kentucky, died 4 July 1827, buried Pfrimmer Cemetery, Harrison County, Indiana. He was married 4 April 1814, Bullitt County, Kentucky, to Rosina Venner, born 1794 Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, died 1872, Evansville, Indiana, buried Locust Hill Cemetery, Evansville, Indiana. She was the daughter of Daniel and Rosanna (Shuck) Venner, of Harrison County, Indiana, originally from Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, later of Washington County, Kentucky. Their children:

Henry Venner Gonterman, born 15 February 1816, Kentucky; married Eliza –?–; died Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana, 1878; both buried Locust Hill Cemetery, Evansville, where most of their family were buried. Their children were George, Finley, and Sarah. George A. Gonterman was born ca. 1854–55, Kentucky, and died in 1917. Finley C. Gonterman was born ca. 1857 in Illinois, and died in 1923. He married Mary –?– and their three children were Henrietta (born and died 1891), Henry (1893–1961, father of Henry and Marie. Marie was born in 1914, died in 1968, and married –?– Ellis), and August (1901–1904). Sarah Gonterman was born 4 May 1863 and died 4 May 1937.

Allen Cass Gonterman was born 2 December 1818 in Kentucky. He married Rebecca Frank 5 February 1846.

Mary Ann Gonterman was born 28 February 1822 and died 16 November 1854. She married M. Raymon.

Lieuesa Gonterman was born 21 October 1824 and died 12 January 1905. She married Jacob Zenor.

Elizabeth Malinda Gonterman was born 9 March 1826 in Harrison County, Indiana, and died in May 1917 in Evansville, Indiana. She married Edwin M. Seward 31 October 1852 in Louisville, Kentucky. He is said to be a collateral descendant of William Henry Seward, Lincoln's secretary of state, who negotiated the purchase of Alaska ("Seward's Folly"), but not proved. Elizabeth taught in a private girls' school in Louisville, Kentucky, and Edwin was a river boat pilot and engineer. He was born in December 1830 in Louisville, son of Edwin Seward from Orange County, New York, and Rewey Applegate of Louisville. Elizabeth and Edwin are both buried in Locust Hill Cemetery. Their daughters were:

Emma Jane Seward, born April 1854, Evansville, Indiana; married Mr. Alexander. She was a matron in the Indian Service, and died from exposure during the 1937 Ohio River flood at Evansville. She is buried in Park Lawn Cemetery, Evansville, Indiana.

Louisa Seward, born January 1856, Evansville, Indiana, never married. She was a commercial photographer. Louisa died in Evansville in 1944 and is buried in Locust Hill Cemetery.

Mary Alice Seward, born October 1858, was a matron in the Indian Service. She never married. Alice died 18 March 1944 at Evansville, and is buried in Locust Hill Cemetery.

Isabelle Seward, twin of Mary Alice, was born October 1858 and died rather young.

Arietta Fanny Seward, born 26 April 1862, died 1 August 1945, at Gentryville, Spencer County, Indiana. She married George Bullock They bought and lived all their married life in the "Col. William Jones House" in Gentryville, Indiana (now designated on the National Register of Historic Places because Abraham Lincoln slept there. Lincoln lived in the Gentryville area before moving to Illinois.) Arietta and George Bullock's children were Edwin, Clarence, Nellie, Effie, and Grace Jeannette. Nellie married Ernest Kellams, and their daughter, Jessie (Kellams) Karch of Evansville, Indiana, is descended from Peter Gunterman through his son George (on her mother's side) and through his daughter Katherine (on her father's side).

Clara Ellen Seward, born July 1865, Evansville, Indiana, died 23 June 1940, Washington, D.C.. She was married in Evansville on 28 June 1894 to John Willard Sappenfield, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Byrn) Sappenfield of Byrnville, Harrison County, Indiana. He was born 22 July 1867 in Byrnville and died 2 April 1928 in Evansville. J. Willard Sappenfield, as he was known, was prosecuting attorney (Democrat) in Vanderburgh County, Indiana, for two terms from about 1908 to 1916, and later formed a partnership with his son Victor in the practice of law in Evansville.

The Sappenfield children all had the middle name of Seward and were all born in Evansville, Indiana: Elisabeth (5 February 1896–29 April 1983, Washington D.C.) married Salvador Corsaro. Their daughter Mary Ellen, unmarried, was born 3 January 1939 in Washington, D.C. Venner (3 March 1899–10 August 1965, Rosemead, California) married Jeanette Hagan in St. Louis, Missouri. They had no children. Victor (twin of Venner) married Sue Katherine Howard. Their story is given separately. Stanton (20 September 1900–2 April 1968, Las Fresnos, Texas) married Mrs. Lois (Butler) Scarlett. Their son, Stanton, Jr., was born ca. 1923 and died in 1936. Wayne (3 November 1905–30 October 1978, Frankston, Texas) married first Elnora Cawthon 1930; married second Patricia Bailey. He had no children.

Issue of Peter's Second Marriage

(2) Nancy Gonterman, died 1845, married Samuel Price.

(3) Sara Gonterman.

(4) Katherine Gonterman, died 1850, married John Kellams. They went to Illinois at the same time as Abraham Lincoln's family, then returned to Spencer County, Indiana. Their son, Gideon Kellams was a Col. in the 42nd Indiana Volunteers. Gideon's son, Allen Kellams, had a son, Ernest, who married Nellie Bullock (daughter of George and Arietta Seward Bullock). Ernest and Nellie's daughter, Jessie Kellams, was born ca. 1916 in Indiana and married Marvin Karch. They had two children: Roger

(1941–1978) married Wilma Herron and had a son named Michael. Vicki married Donald Ohl and they have a daughter, Anne Marie, born in 1966.

by Mrs. Victor S. Sappenfield

COUNTRYMAN, PETER FORT & ELIZABETH (GLEASON)

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Peter Fort Countryman was the father of Marcellus L. Countryman, whose story is

Elizabeth E. (Gleason) Countryman, wife of Peter Fort Countryman, born ca. 1830.

given separately, and whose picture appears in the 1925 *Countryman Genealogy* . The following is taken from an old newspaper clipping:

Married Fifty Years

Mr. and Mrs. P.F. Countryman Celebrate Their Anniversary

"Mr. and Mrs. P.F. Countryman celebrated their golden wedding to-day at the residence of their daughter, Mrs. L.A. Cobb, 3228 Blaisdell avenue. It was the occasion of a family gathering and children and grandchildren gathered to assist in observing the day. Mr. and Mrs. Countryman are among the old settlers in Minnesota, having come west in 1855. They were married in St. Lawrence county, New York, and lived there until their removal forty-four years ago. They settled on a farm near Hastings and have resided on the homestead ever since. Mr. Countryman served in the civil war with Company D, Second Minnesota, and is one of the well-known men of the county. For several years Mr. and Mrs. Countryman have spent their winters in town with Mrs. Cobb, going for the summer to Hastings. Mrs. Countryman's maiden name was Elizabeth Gleason.

"An informal reception has been held today and friends and neighbors have gathered to congratulate the bride and bridegroom. This evening a dinner will be served for the relatives. The sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Countryman will all be present. Judge A.D. Countryman has arrived from Appleton, Wisconsin; Dr. George Countryman, from Aberdeen; F.A. Countryman, Watertown, South Dakota; M.L. Countryman, St. Paul; Mrs. C.D. Cecil, Hastings; Mrs. E.H. Maskrey, New Richmond, Wisconsin. The children living in town are L.A. and D.M. Countryman and Mrs. Cobb. Mrs. Johnson of Aberdeen, a sister of Mrs. Countryman, her brother, Rev. Levi Gleason of Dundas, Minnesota; Mrs. Truax of Hastings, and Mr. and Mrs. L.N. Countryman and H.D. Countryman of town, will also be present."

by Dorothy Chrisman

COUNTRYMAN, PETER, JR. & MARY (BERKELEY)

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Peter, of Peter, of George, of Andrew, of John Frederick.

The following is excerpted from a booklet prepared in 1963 by descendants of this couple:

Peter Countryman, Jr., third son of Peter Countryman, Sr., was born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, September 18, 1808, and was married February 1, 1830, to Mary Berkeley. In 1840 they moved by wagon to Shanesville, Ohio, and in 1844 emigrated by wagon to Iowa Territory. They crossed the Mississippi River by ferry at Keokuk. From there they traveled northwestward along the Des Moines River valley, finding a tract of land near a small settlement which was known at that time as Business Corners, now in Van Buren County, Iowa. They proceeded to homestead on 150 acres of fine timberland, abundantly supplied with creek water. Much of the timber was used for farm homes, buildings and rail fences. They remained this farm for the rest of their lives. Peter died April 26, 1867. His wife, Mary, was born October 30, 1809, and died April 20, 1872. They are buried, along with eight of their children, in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery on Dutch Ridge Road, now Highway 16, near Douds, Van Buren County, Iowa. They were the parents of 11 children: Josiah, Eliza, Anna, Amos, Sarah Ann, Lucy, William, Michael, George, Franklin, and Noah.

Josiah Countryman was born near Somerset, Pennsylvania, March 23, 1831, and died May 12, 1914. He was married on March 13, 1866, to Mrs. Rachel Angaline (Forney) Stephens, who was born March 7, 1844, and died December 22, 1928. Mrs. Forney was the widow of a Civil War soldier, Josiah Stephens, who was wounded and died in service, September 1862. Issue: (1) Emma May , born February 3, 1867, at Batavia, Iowa; died July 10, 1950, at Conrad, Montana; married 1889 to George Lewis; buried at Marmarth, North Dakota; issue: Velma Rae (Lewis) Vigoren, Rachel Josephine (Lewis) Blake Garecht, Bessie Gwendolyn (Lewis) Skipwith, William Lewis, Augustus (Gus) Lewis, Winnie Rae (Lewis) Holman, and Elmer Lewis. (2)Minnie Rae, born January 8, 1870; died September 1954; married Cyrus Gilchrist Miller, married second Harry Snyder; buried Maple Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, Iowa; issue: Josiah Gilchrist Miller, Lester Leo Miller, Grace Lillian (Miller) Jones, and Charlotte Jurenia (Miller) Hoover. (3) John Valentine, born January 7, 1872, died May 27, 1957, married Rhoda Belle Gableman, buried Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Douds, Iowa; issue: Irma Viola (Countryman) Baughman, John Kenneth Countryman, Vera Evelyn (Countryman) Pearce, Gratia Iola (Countryman) Delzell, and Winton Countryman. (4) Lillian Lucy, born September 17, 1875; died December 18, 1941; married Cornelius Parsons; buried Shaul Cemetery, Ottumwa, Iowa; issue: John Lester Parsons, Mildred Roberta (Parsons) Campbell, Robert R. Parsons, and Forest Herman Parsons. (5) Bertha Gertrude, born October 16, 1878; died June 29, 1964; married George Walter Stewart; issue: Josiah Paul Stewart, Maurice Zahn Stewart, Helen LaRue (Stewart) Brewer, and George Hollis Stewart. (6)Ernest Marion, born June 27, 1882; married Fairy Belle Johnson; issue: Marjorie Lucille (Countryman) Owen and Thornton Burdette Countryman. (7) Grace Elizabeth, born December 30, 1885; married George Franklin Jemison; issue: Opal Alberta (Jemison) Gibb, Paula Cleone (Jemison) Stater, Orton Lyle Jemison, and Frances Grace (Jemison) Rock.

Eliza Countryman was born November 28, 1832, in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, and died July 28, 1888 in Van Buren County, Iowa. She was married to Addison Kerr, who died February 19, 1907. They had five children. (1) Mary Ann Kerr, born October 17, 1855; died May 3, 1909; never married. (2) Edward V. Kerr, born March 20, 1857; died March 14, 1918; married Anna Catherine Nickel; issue: Ira C. Kerr. (3) Alice J. Kerr, born June 25, 1860; died September 23, 1913; never married. (4) Josiah Kerr, born 1865; died 1936; never married. (5) George W. Kerr, born April 1868; died February 1947; married Mary Effie Brown; no issue.

Anna Countryman died in Ohio at the age of five years.

Amos Countryman was born January 15, 1838, in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, and died October 18, 1846, at the age of eight years, in Van Buren County, Iowa.

Sarah Ann Countryman was born June 8, 1840, and died July 15, 1905. She married James Ferrell in 1872. He died November 23, 1925. Issue, three children: (1) Emeline O. Countryman (February 23, 1864–March 3, 1882), (2) William Ferrell (March 18, 1874–February 16, 1909), and (3) Kitty Mae Ferrell (August 22, 1876–May 11, 1907).

Lucy Countryman was born in New Philadelphia, Ohio, June 1, 1843. She died in Libertyville, Iowa, in 1926. She was married to John Boyd and they had five children. (1) Samuel Wilson Boyd, born May 2, 1869; died September 4, 1951, Stanley, Kansas; married first Rhoda Brown, second Genevera Brown; issue: John J. Boyd, Albert Wilson Boyd, and George Franklin Boyd. (2) James Oscar Boyd, born December 27, 1870; died October 1, 1944; married Flora Neva Trout; issue: Zella Margaret (Boyd) Haynes. (3) Clara

Boyd, born October 21, 1882; died 1951; never married.

William S. Countryman (twin) was born September 22, 1846, and died in January 1922. He never married.

Michael L. Countryman (twin) was born September 22, 1846. He died March 14, 1915. He married Martha Morrow and they had three children: (1) Cora Countryman, born February 12, 1867; died May 3, 1917; married Dallas Moore; no issue. (2) Oliver Countryman, born 1878; died 1928; served in the Spanish American War and World War I; buried Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Douds, Iowa. (3) Ida Countryman married first Mr. Kearns, married second Mr. Griswold; issue: Olive Kearns.

George W. Countryman was born in Van Buren County, Iowa. He married Leanna Chalfant and they spent their early years in Birmingham, Iowa. About 1922 they moved to Glendale, California. Both died there and are buried in Forest Lawn, Glendale, California. They had four children: (1) Charles Countryman; married, no issue; died Salt Lake City, Utah. (2) George Countryman, Jr., born 1877; died July 15, 1924; buried New London, Iowa; issue: Martha Lee Countryman. (3) Nellie Countryman, married Dr. Westphal; last address, Glendale, California; no issue. (4) Jessie Countryman, married Fred Speilman; last known address, Glendale, California; issue: Lyle Speilman.

Franklin Countryman was born in Van Buren County, Iowa. He married Harriet Prian. The family moved to Kansas and no further information is available. Issue: (1) Leonard Countryman.

Noah Countryman was born December 8, 1854, and died October 22, 1921. He married Clarinda Ellen Stephens and both are buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery near Douds, Iowa. They had six children: (1) Fred Arthur Countryman, born August 30, 1884; died January 2, 1953; married Lela Ada Mathies; issue: Merrell Stanley Countryman, Donnell Eugene Countryman, and Hazel Margaret (Countryman) Davidson. (2) Estella Mabel Countryman, born April 12, 1887; died March 17, 1945; married Ed Ira Colvin; issue: Ella (Colvin) Hawkins Webster, Roscoe Ivan Colvin, and Retta Rachel (Colvin) Webster Phillips. (3) Weltha Fay Countryman, born September 15, 1890; married Jefferson Jay Whitten; issue: Glen Eugene Whitten. (4) John Fremont Countryman, born January 13, 1893; married Verva Zenna Wellman; issue: William Harry Countryman. (5) William Jay Countryman, born February 25, 1895; married Weltha Umphrey; issue: Robert William Countryman. (6) Jesse Clyde Countryman, born September 10, 1900; married Edith Alberta Bonar; issue: Veryl Russell Countryman, Dale Wesley Countryman, Clifford Arthur Countryman, Cornelia Louise (Countryman) Meck Sharts, Carroll Dean Countryman, Maxine Marie (Countryman) McCarty, and Donna Lee (Countryman) Johnson Story.

submitted by David Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, PHILIP & GLORIA (TEDROW)

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The Philip Countryman family. Back row: Philip; front row: Sarah, Gloria, and Aaron.

Philip, of Robert, of William Jay, of Noah, of Peter, Jr., of Peter, of George, of Andrew or Henry, of John Frederick Contreman.

Philip Alan Countryman was born at the St. Joseph Hospital in Ottumwa, Iowa, on December 27, 1947. Philip lived with his parents, Robert and Vivian Countryman, on a farm in Davis County, near Pulaski, Iowa. He attended Center School (a one-room schoolhouse) until the second grade. During his first year of school he contracted polio in 1953. A full recovery was made without any permanent disabilities. He attended the Pulaski school system and graduated from Davis County Community High School in 1966. During high school, he was active in the Future Farmers of America, participating in many of the contest activities. He received Star Greenhand, Star Chapter Farmer and Iowa Farmer awards. After high school, Philip enrolled at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural education in 1970.

Upon graduation Philip was drafted into the U.S. Army in December 1970. He was trained at Fort Lewis, Washington, in infantry. He was then stationed with the 23rd Ordinance Company, 101st Ord. Bn, 7th Corps, located at Heilbronn, West Germany. While there his duties involved being a security clerk. He reached the rank of specialist 4th class and received an honorable discharge December 5, 1972.

Philip married Gloria Jean Tedrow, daughter of Glenn O. and Arlene (Williams) Tedrow, June 11, 1971, at the United Methodist Church, Fairfield, Iowa. Gloria was born December 12, 1947, at the Jefferson County Hospital, Fairfield, Iowa. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from N.E. Missouri State University, Kirksville, Missouri, in 1970 and was an elementary teacher in the WACO School District, Crawfordsville, Iowa, from 1970 to 1971 and the Fairfield Community School District from 1973 until the date of this writing. Philip and Gloria made their first home in Frankenbach, W. Germany, while Philip was stationed there in the U.S. military service. Upon their return to the United States in 1972 they made their home at Fairfield, Iowa, in Jefferson County. Their children are Sarah and Aaron.

Philip's first civilian job was as an inspector and adjuster for Jefferson County Mutual Insurance Association. He was employed from February 1972 until February 1975. At that time he transferred to Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company. He had the job description of reinsurance claims supervisor and was in charge of supervising the mutual adjusters in southeastern Iowa. His duties also included helping train adjusters and inspectors by teaching numerous training sessions at Grinnell, Iowa. Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company had its home office at Grinnell, but Philip worked out of the service office located at Fairfield, Iowa.

On December 1, 1977, Sarah Elizabeth was born at the Jefferson County Hospital. On August 2, 1981, Aaron Jay was born at the Jefferson County Hospital, Fairfield, Iowa.

Philip was raised to a Master Mason on December 16, 1982, in Clinton Lodge #15, A.F.& A.M., in Fairfield, Iowa. The 32nd degree Master of the Royal Secret was conferred on Philip, his brother David, and his father Robert November 5, 1983, at the Davenport Consistory, Valley of Davneport, Orient of Iowa.

Philip was a member of Clinton Lodge #15, A.F.& A.M., Fairfield, Iowa; Davenport Consistory, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Davenport, Iowa; the American Legion, Allen Jewett Post #47, Fairfield, Iowa; the Jefferson County Izaak Walton Gun Club, Fairfield, Iowa; the United Methodist Church, Fairfield, Iowa; and the Iowa Chapter of International Association of Arson Investigators, Chapter #28.

by David W. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, ROBERT & LUELLA (RODGERS)

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Robert, of Joseph, Jr., of Joseph.

Luella (Rodgers) and Robert Countryman were the parents of 13 children.

Ida Belle was born May 22, 1900. She married Frank Kuriger in 1915 and on November 16, 1916, son Marshall was born. Ida's second husband was Nathan Campbell and together they had one son and six daughters. Ida lives in Joliet, Illinois.

Leah Gertrude was born March 12, 1902. In 1922 she married John H. Shaffer of Rock Island, Illinois. They had no children. In 1952 John was killed in a train accident. In 1968 Leah married Emil Goetzka of Warrens, Wisconsin. They have no children.

Thomas Robert was born September 15, 1905, and died September 14, 1924, from cerebral meningitis at age 19.

Paul H. was born December 7, 1907. He married Margaret E. Calhoun in 1929. They were the parents of 13 children. Margaret died in 1967. Paul now lives in Wilmington, Illinois.

This picture was taken at the home of Paul Countryman, Sr., at Wilmington, Illinois, on May 30, 1980. Back row: Edward, Thomas, Clarence, and Robert Carl, all sons of Paul. Center row: Henry, son of Paul; Ralph, son of Paul; and Jack, Jr., son of Jack, Sr. Front row: Terry M., son of Jack, Jr.; Floyd W., son of Paul; Paul, Sr.; Charles, son of Paul; and Jack, Sr.

Inscription: "To Sergeant George E. Countryman, Congratulations on being awarded The Silver Star. R.W. Clarkson, Major General USA Army 33 Div., Luzon, P.I., July 1945."

Nancy Ellen was born February 4, 1910, and died in August 1973. Nancy married John Mansfield in 1925 and they had four sons.

George was born April 6, 1912, and died June 5, 1976. He remained single. He served in the army during World War II and was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action while on New Guinea.

Clyde, born June 1, 1914, was in the Marine Corps during World War II. He served on Guam, Boginville, and Iwo Jima. In 1953 he married Mildred Levinch of Lockport, Illinois. They have one daughter, Judy Ann, who married Larry Thies from Yorkville, Illinois. Judy and Larry have one son, Larry, Jr. Clyde now lives in Joliet, Illinois.

Estella Margaret was born February 20, 1916. She married George Crater in 1935. They are the parents of eight children and live in Braidwood, Illinois.

Albert W. was born February 25, 1918, and married Lorena Coraine of Dover, New Hampshire, in 1946. They had six children (one son and five daughters). Albert lives in Sommersworth, New Hampshire. Two of his daughters live in Berwick, Maine, and his son, Albert, Jr., lives in Rochester, New Hampshire. Albert, Sr., was in the medical corps in the army during World War II.

Nathan was born August 10, 1920, and died in March of 1982. Nathan married Elsie Krcmarek in 1940. They had four children. Nathan was in the Merchant Marines in World War II, stationed at Sheeps Head Bay, New York.

Luella June was born June 11, 1922, in Plainfield, Illinois. Luella married Alfred W. Pankow on September 5, 1970, at Zion Lutheran Church in Summit, Illinois. They have no children. Alfred has a son and a daughter by his first wife who died in June of 1969. They now live in Willow Springs, Illinois.

Viola M. was born June 11, 1922. She is a twin to Luella (not identical). In 1942 Viola married Clarence Hutton. They had no children They were divorced, and in 1964 Viola married Alex Albert Keszonas of Chicago, Illinois. Alex died in 1966 of lung cancer. Viola now lives in Braidwood, Illinois.

Jack H., Sr. married Selma Umphry in October 1944. He was born July 28, 1924, in Elwood, Illinois (Jackson Township). He served in the tank corps during World War II. He landed in Germany the day after the Germans surrendered. He was in the occupational army on the German-Polish border. Jack, Sr., now lives in Morris, Illinois.

by Luella Pankow

COUNTRYMAN, ROBERT & MARY (STEEL)

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Robert D. Countryman. Picture taken in November 1972 at Seattle, Washington.

Robert, of Alexander, Jr., of Alexander, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Friedrich.

Robert D., son of Alexander, Jr., and Carrie (Harryman) Countryman, was born August 12, 1922, at Modesto, California. Bob is manager of Evergreen-Washelli Funeral Home in Seattle, Washington.

Long active in the Elk's Lodge, Bob was Exalted Ruler of the Lake City Lodge 1971–1972. He was president of the University Rotary Club in Seattle in 1976.

Bob and Mary T. (Steel) have two daughters. Teresa (Countryman) Rihm was born August 19, 1955. Margo Countryman was born July 10, 1959. Both daughters reside in Seattle.

by Roy Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, ROBERT W. & VIVIAN (JOHNSON)

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Robert, of William Jay, of Noah, of Peter, Jr., of Peter, of George, of Andrew or Henry, of John Frederick Contreman.

Robert William Countryman was born in Birmingham, Iowa, on December 14, 1919. Robert was married to Vivian Louise Johnson on June 15, 1941, in Lancaster, Missouri. Their children are David, Philip, and Barbara.

The 40th wedding anniversary picture of Vivian and Robert Countryman.

Vivian Johnson was born to Martin and Bessie Johnson at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, on October 5, 1923. Martin and Bessie moved to a farm six miles east of Fairfield, Iowa, where they lived until their deaths.

Robert and Vivian began married life on a farm in Davis County, Iowa. The farm was located about five miles south and 1½ miles west of Pulaski. They lived there from 1941 to 1967. In March of 1967, they moved to a farm five miles east of Fairfield, Iowa.

Although Robert lived on a farm all his life, he was a master of many trades. Besides farming, he developed his own business in which he was a refrigeration serviceman, electrician, carpenter, and mechanic. He also worked 13 years for Rockwell International in Fairfield.

Robert was raised to a Master Mason in Eleusis Lodge #358 at Pulaski, Iowa, on September 14, 1954. He served as master of the lodge in 1958. In 1974 Eleusis Lodge #358 consolidated with Franklin Lodge #14 at Bloomfield, Iowa, taking Robert's membership with it. Robert later transferred his membership to Clinton Lodge #15 in Fairfield where he is affiliated at this time. The 32nd degree in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry was conferred on Robert and his two sons, David and Philip, in the Davenport Consistory in November 1983.

by David W. Countryman

LIFE KEEPS COMING THROUGH
by Rapp Chrisman

Life keeps coming through her
from before her,
Coming on through women onward

Life keeps coming through her
from before her,
The unbroken chain passes onward
Coming veiled walking towards tomorrow from yesterday
Coming veiled walking in our shoes today

Life keeps coming through her
from before her,
On to Daughter now holding her, comfort . . . pain . . .
On to Grandchildren standing around her bed,
Remembering when they as babies slept in that bed
Remembering when they as babies were held in the same way
Remembering when they too called for help and were comforted
Remembering when they too had the air which is breath
gently touched with love
On to Grandchildren standing around her bed
Trying to yet understand comfort . . . pain . . .
Daughter Children Mom Grandmother gathered around; Waiting,
Wanting to run and hide hoping it would stop if one went away
Knowing only that this is different than before,
Knowing only that this time it won't stop
Staying because being anywhere else is harder
Trying to yet understand comfort . . . pain . . .
Gathered around waiting for Mother Nature to come,
We've all been calling to Her for help
She who moves silently and peacefully arrives . . . to help us now
Together they silently say for us what we need to say
but can't yet say . . .
The inner voice of the Universe is whispering . . .
Someone has brought a guitar; a soft serenade . . .
Some kiss her already skyward forehead goodby,
Repeating what the two have just said for us,
Repeating what is, enough so we can believe that it's real
comfort . . . pain . . .
Trying to yet understand
They go, as She opens Her door for the weaker of the two.
She closes it behind them for us, the weakest of all.
The inner voice of the Universe is whispering . . .

Life keeps coming through her
from before her,
Coming on through women onward
The Earth breathes a smile of release
The Earth breathes a sigh of praise,
The Earth breathes . . . keeps coming through
The inner voice of the Universe is whispering, "Amen"

Life keeps coming through
from before,
Coming on onward
The inner voice of the Universe is whispering, "Amen"

COUNTRYMAN, ROGER S. & DOROTHY (TRAPP)

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Roger Simmons Countryman, M.D., and his wife, Dorothy Moody (Trapp) Countryman, in their Saratoga, California, home around 1965.

Roger Simmons, of Marcellus, of Peter Fort.

I, Dorothy Trapp (Countryman) Chrisman, am a direct descendant from the original Countryman line. My father, Roger Simmons Countryman, is listed in the 1925 *Countryman Genealogy* . His father was Marcellus L. Countryman, son of Peter Fort Countryman.

Roger S. Countryman married Dorothy Moody Trapp, a Canadian who said Roger was the first man for whom she was willing to give up her dream of being a medical missionary in China. (She graduated from medical school in Toronto a year before her marriage.) Roger, my father, specialized in obstetrics-gynecology, and they lived and raised their family in St. Paul, Minnesota.

My folks moved to California when my father retired from medicine, and they lived there in a house my husband built until their deaths. When my mother died in my arms in our house in Palo Alto, the whole family was present. One of our boys wrote a beautiful poem immediately following her death. I'm including it because it seems appropriate to a family genealogy.

by Dorothy Chrisman

COUNTRYMAN, ROGER SIMMONS, JR. & NANCY (TICKNOR)

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Roger, of Roger, of Marcellus L.

I married Roger Simmons Countryman, Jr., the last born (March 4, 1937) of four children and the only son of Dr. Roger Simmons Countryman and Dr. Dorothy Moody Trapp. Roger, Jr., had three older sisters and recalled his growing up years as having four mothers. He claimed he wasn't studious until high school and loved electronics. The family lived in a huge white house in St. Paul, Minnesota. Roger went to an exclusive all-boys high school called St. Paul Academy where he played football and was the valedictorian of his graduating class. In 1956 he was on the golf team of Princeton as a freshman. His father had a stroke that year so he finished college at the University of Minnesota where he received his degree and a Ph.D. in mathematics.

The Countryman family on the day Roger Simmons Countryman, Jr., announced his engagement to Nancy Ticknor Weeks, August 1968. Left to right: Ethlyn (Countryman) Jackson, Roger Simmons Countryman, Jr., Neita (Countryman) Klaeger, mother Dr. Dorothy Moody (Trapp) Countryman, father Dr. Roger Simmons Countryman, Sr., and Dorothy (Countryman) Chrisman.

Cindy Ann Countryman, youngest daughter of Roger S. Countryman, Jr., seventh grade, January 9, 1986.

In 1966 he moved to Phoenix, Arizona, to become a mathematics professor at Arizona State University. A year and a half later I met Roger at a party on January 6, 1968. I, Nancy Ann (Ticknor) Countryman, was born March 10, 1939, in Annapolis, Maryland, to Clint Harlan Ticknor (born May 10, 1903) and Mary Elizabeth (Carper) Ticknor (born October 27, 1913).

I grew up in Tucson, Arizona, with one younger brother, Clinton Owen Ticknor. My parents still live there. In 1961 I graduated from the University of Arizona and received my master's degree in education from there in 1962. I started teaching in 1961 and had been teaching first grade for six years when I met Roger. My son from a previous marriage, James Ricky Weeks, was in fourth grade. Roger flew us in a small Cherokee to Saratoga, California, to have a small family wedding in the Saratoga Federated Church on November 29, 1968. Roger's parents had moved there in 1957. His sister Ethlyn (Countryman) Jackson lives in Los Gatos, California, and another sister, Dorothy (Countryman) Chrisman, lives in Palo Alto, California. The third sister, Neita (Countryman) Klaeger, married a German college professor and lives in Munich, Germany.

July 27, 1970, our oldest daughter, Suzy (Suzanne Kathleen Countryman), was born. The youngest daughter, Cindy (Cynthia Ann Countryman) came along October 7, 1973. Roger left Arizona State University in 1971 for a position in industry with Semiconductor Memories, Inc., which folded one year later. He has now been with Motorola for 14 years and was transferred to Austin, Texas, in 1977. I found it very strange to just play tennis and bridge with our Balcones Country Club after having taught for 15 years in Phoenix. This past year I returned to the teaching field after an eight-year absence. My position is teaching oral language to kindergarten children in the Del Valle Independent School District, Roger travels to Phoenix on one-day jaunts about once every two weeks.

Our family loves to snow ski and water ski. Roger and I are both heavily into tennis. I've

Countryman siblings on March 5, 1982. Left to right: Dorothy (Countryman) Chrisman, Neita (Countryman) Klaeger, Roger Simmons Countryman, Jr., and Ethlyn (Countryman) Jackson.

Suzanne Kathleen Countryman, oldest daughter of Roger S. Countryman, Jr., high school sophomore, April 24, 1986.

been very involved with a social, cultural, and service organization called Beta Sigma Phi for 16 years. We also play duplicate bridge and social bridge. For seven years I was a Girl Scout leader as both girls were in Girl Scouts until they reached junior high, or middle school as we call it in Texas. Roger has just about given up golf and flying airplanes, as he works an 11-hour day.

Suzanne will be in the 11th grade and was class treasurer for the past two years and a cheerleader for the last four years. She is an honors student with high aspirations. She is very active socially.

Cindy will be in eighth grade and is a good student. She loves jazz dancing and has been at the same dance studio for seven years. Both she and Suzy used to compete statewide in gymnastics.

by Nancy Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, RONALD & ALYCE (WEIR)

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Alyce and Ron Countryman, seated, with their children, standing left to right: Bruce, 15, Judy, 20, Kay, 24, and Stan, 25. The photo was taken at Ron and Alyce's 25th wedding anniversary on June 16, 1985.

Ronald, of Lowell, of Edwin.

Ronald, son of Lowell Edwin and Alma (Weber) Countryman, was born on July 13, 1937, at St. Anthony Hospital in Rockford, Illinois, where his great uncle, Emery Geombel, was on the hospital staff at the time. His family moved from Rockford to Harvard, Illinois, in 1941, where he attended State Line School. In February of 1948 the family moved back to the farm of his grandfather, Edwin Countryman. He attended Wempletown School and Winnebago High School, graduating in 1955. His first job after graduation was working at Woodward Governor; but having been raised in the country, he decided that shop life was not for him.

In 1958 he enrolled as a student in Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina, majoring in history. In August of 1959 he met his wife-to-be, Alyce Weir from New Castle, Pennsylvania, at a wedding in Bloomington, Illinois, where they were both attendants. The following June they were married in Pennsylvania. Their first daughter, Kay Denise, was born at the beginning of his senior year in college. When he graduated in May of 1962 they moved back to Rockford, Illinois, where Ron began teaching at the Ralston Elementary School (Harlem School District) in Loves Park, Illinois, and he also farmed.

They lived with Lowell and Alma while they built their house on part of the farm land and moved into that house on March 1, 1965, just after the birth of their second daughter, Judith Carol. Ron continued to teach school and farm. They were members of the Bible Baptist Church in Harrison, Illinois. In April of 1970 Bruce Alan was born. All three children attended schools in the Pecatonica School District.

Kay was the first to enter Bob Jones University in 1979 and graduated in 1983 with a B.S. degree in business education. In August of 1983, the family returned to Greenville, South Carolina, where Ron is currently teaching sixth grade at Bob Jones Elementary School. Kay was married to Stan Miller in June of 1984, and they live in Opelika, Alabama, where Stan is an assistant pastor of an independent Baptist church and administrator of the church school, and Kay works in the engineering department at Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama.

Judy is a junior at Bob Jones University pursuing the B.S. degree in nursing. Bruce is a sophomore in high school at Bob Jones Academy. Ron, Alyce, Judy, and Bruce are members of Morningside Baptist Church in Greenville where Ron is Christian Education director and Alyce is organist.

by Ronald Alan Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, ROSCOE ROLAND & NADINE (LAWSON)

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Roscoe Roland Countryman on front-end loader, coal mine yards, Rock Springs, Wyoming, 1954.

The Wyoming Countrymans — Roscoe, of Donald Roscoe, of Charles Raynor.

Roscoe Roland Countryman, second son of Donald Roscoe and Mary Etta (Collins) Countryman, grandson of Charles Raynor and Anna Ethelyn (Bartell) Countryman, was born January 14, 1916, at Split Rock,

Nadine (Lawson) Countryman standing by the truck she drove, coal mine yards, November 1954.

Wyoming. He married Nadine Lawson (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lawson) February 19, 1935, in Rawlins, Wyoming. No issue. Nadine was born in David City, Nebraska, March 3, 1918.

Roscoe was eight years old when his parents divorced and as in most divorce cases it is the children who suffer most. Mother Mary worked as a chambermaid in hotels and cleaned homes to support her family. Sister Irene went to work in cafes to help when she was 16. Roscoe lived with Grandma Collins when he was in the eighth grade, helping her with cabins she rented, feeding chickens, and working in her garden.

Roscoe graduated from Rawlins High School, Rawlins Wyoming, in 1934. Roscoe's first job after graduation was at the Tri-State Lumber Company in Rawlins.

Roscoe and Nadine wed the following year — 1935. In 1936 they went to Lander, Wyoming, and built a room onto the back of a garage of Roscoe Countryman's. For a living they trapped coyotes. Nadine worked cleaning Aunt Helen Inkster's house. they returned to Rawlins on Thanksgiving Day. There they bought her folks' ten-foot trailer home. The next spring Roscoe went to work for Ohio Oil out of Rock River. That fall he went to work for his sister Tiny's husband, Bill Cairns. Roscoe continued to work for Bill till he went into the service in World War II in August 1943, serving overseas as a mechanic M/Sgt. in 972 Egr. Mt. Co. for 18 months. He wears the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre of Operations Ribbon with two battle stars, good conduct medal American Theatre Ribbon, Meritorious Service Unit Insignia, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon.

When Roscoe was discharged he went back to work for Bill Cairns in Rock Springs, Wyoming. Bill has a contract to clean up around the different coal mines. Roscoe drove the front end loader, and the last two years he worked for Bill, Nadine drove a truck. In 1957 Roscoe quit Bill and started following construction, working for several different contractors building dams and roads over the states of Wyoming and Utah,

which required a great deal of moving. One year they moved five times working for the same outfit. Their big trailer sat idle in Spanish Fork for one and a half years while they lived in a travel trailer 250 miles from there. Roads were too rough to take the bigger trailer. They were 50 miles from the closest store. Nadine drove to Spanish Fork once a month to get their mail.

Roscoe and Nadine go to Rawlins every Memorial Day and also go to Roscoe's class reunion. Although Roscoe retired in 1978 he is never idle and is always in demand in Spanish Fork — ' elping the crippled and the elderly. This sur ~er (1985) Roscoe is remodeling a bathroom, driving 25 miles to do the job (twice a week), watches over a crippled friend of age 82 three blocks away, keeps in contact with a couple seven miles away. The 82-year-old always puts in a big garden and Roscoe helps in that. Nadine puts up his wife's tomatoes as she is also 82 and has had a stroke. They had Nadine's mother until it was necessary to put her in a nursing home. Roscoe also mows lawns and waters several besides keeping up his own. They pool their dinners with friends once a month and play cards in their air-conditioned home.

Roscoe helps Nadine with her hobby of making odd things. He has framed their large collection of arrowheads which they have found through the years.

People are indeed lucky to have Roscoe and Nadine as friends and neighbors.

by Dorothy Kimball

COUNTRYMAN, ROSWELL IRVING & ETHEL (TALLMAN)

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Roswell, of David.

I am the seventh child of David and Alice Roberta Countryman, born on a farm near Foley, Minnesota, February 20, 1889. I married Ethel Tallman in Monroe, Washington, May 26, 1910. She was born July 15, 1891, in Cambridge, Minnesota. Her parents were Hiram and Christine (Dahlgren) Tallman. Hiram was born at Stillwater, Minnesota, in 1864. He was a U.S. Marshall in northern Minnesota. Christine was born in Dahlerna, Sweden, in 1869. During her early married life she worked as a midwife. Her parents were Lars Olaf and Anna (Skoglund) Dahlgren, who were born in Sweden. Hiram's parents, Stephen Ephriam and Amanda (Lawton) Tallman, were born in the United States.

My wife Ethel, as a teenager, had attended a Swedish Baptist academy in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and was a member of their choir. She had a beautiful soprano voice. The Baptist Church in Monroe held the first religious service in the new Washington State Reformatory and Ethel sang a solo during the service. She later served as superintendent of Sunday Schools in the cities where we resided. Ethel and I had three daughters and two sons. Laurel and Irma were born in Monroe, Washington, in 1912 and 1914; Eloise in Everett, Washington, in 1918; Norris Roswell in Seattle in 1925; and Harold in Yakima in 1933. Irma married Martin Lydin and Laurel married Everett Shipley in Yakima, Washington, in April 1931. Irma had two sons and two daughters; Laurel has five sons and one daughter; Eloise had three daughters; Norris has six sons and six daughters; and Harold has two sons and two daughters.

We moved from Monroe to Everett about 1915, where I worked for the Great Northern Railroad. About 1920 we moved to Seattle and I was promoted to fireman. I worked on the coal-burner locomotives from Seattle over the Cascade Mountains to Wenatchee. A few years later the railroad purchased new oil-burner locomotives and I made runs to Portland, Oregon, and Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. In 1927 the railroad purchased electric motors for the run over the Cascade Mountains. As a result, many workers were laid off, including myself, as only two men were needed to take the place of three crews. I decided to take my family to Yakima, Washington, that summer. We stayed on a farm with an elderly couple and helped milk their herd of 35 Holstein cows. We also helped cut and stack three cuttings of alfalfa hay.

In the fall we returned to Seattle where I worked as a fireman in a brick plant. We returned to Yakima the next summer where I worked in an apple processing plant. One winter I went with two friends to cut wood in the hills about 20 miles from town. A log was dislodged and rolled me down a hill, breaking my leg halfway between the ankle and knee. The other men called for an ambulance from a nearby home, but it could not get through on account of the snow. I was carried on the tailgate of a truck, which transported me to the main highway where the ambulance was waiting. I was laid up for several months.

At the beginning of World War II, Ethel and I moved back to Seattle where I found work in the shipyards and in the evening I sorted mail at the post office. The railroad was advertising for workers so I applied for a job and was hired. The military were taking so many of the younger men, so because of my former experience I was reinstated to my former seniority and promoted to engineer at the age of 53. I worked to the age of 68 and retired at the advice of my doctor. Ethel and I then moved to Olympia, Washington.

Footnote: Roswell died, due to mechanical failure of his automobile in an accident, at the age of 84 on his 63rd wedding anniversary in May 1973. Ethel died of natural causes in 1978.

related by his daughter,
Irma (Countryman) Lydin

COUNTRYMAN, ROY ALFRED & DEVA JANE (DUFFIELD)

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Roy, of Delbert, of John Henry, of Joseph, of John Adam, of Conradt II, of Conradt I, of John Frederick.

Roy Alfred was the seventh child of Delbert and Lydia Louise (Pitts) Countryman. He was born May 12, 1910, at the ole coal mine on Panther Creek in Dallas County, Iowa. He

Roy Alfred and Deva Jane (Duffield) Countryman, taken in the late 1960s.

Calvin and D. Jean (Doty) Countryman, taken in 1975.

was the youngest living of this large family, as there were young brothers that died as infants. Roy graduated from Earlham High School and was a teacher at Babbot School just east of Des Moines. He helped immigrant people get their citizenship papers in the 1940s. He worked for the W.P.A. at the state fairgrounds in Des Moines, Iowa.

He married Deva Jane Duffield on April 22, 1933, in Guthrie Center, Iowa. To this union were born three children as follows: (1) Calvin Eugene, born November 20, 1933; (2) Mary-Del, born January 29, 1936; (3) Donald Paul, born August 10, 1938.

Roy worked for the federal government for many years, retiring in 1957. He and his sister Christine took turns caring for their mother, Lydia, in their homes until she passed away in Roy's home in Des Moines, Iowa, on June 7, 1961.

Roy and Deva took the family on many enjoyable vacation trips. Once, in 1956, the Countryman family set out to see "the park," Yellowstone by name. Son Calvin was in the U.S. Army in Korea, so he missed this trip. The family members that went to Yellowstone Park and on to the state of Idaho to visit

Uncle Reuben's sister Edith were as follows: Roy, Deva, Mary-Del, and Donald; Aunt Christine (Roy's sister) and Uncle Reuben Webb's family; Byron and his family Darlene, Bryce and Kathy; Fern and Mercer Davis and son Lyle; Dean, Lynett, Daryl Gordon; and Grandma Lydia Countryman.

This was by far one of the most unforgettable summer vacation trips ever taken by this family, and to think we made it without any mishaps. Mercer Davis had his farm truck made into a camper, two full-sized beds. We used a ten-gallon cream can with soap and water in it, set it in the tail end of the truck, and as it bounced down the road over the bumps it washed our clothes. We traveled in Roy's station wagon, Mercer's truck, and one other car.

Roy and Deva were on vacation in Collegedale, Tennessee, at Aunt Grace (Duffield) Shaffer's home when Roy went to sleep and passed away in the early morning of July 6, 1971. This was just two months after watching his son Donald graduate from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy at Camp Dodge, Iowa, where Donald was president of the 18th session, or class.

Roy's widow, Deva Jane, remarried on Father's Day, June 16, 1985, to Mr. Kenneth B. Welton, and they have made their home in Des Moines, Iowa.

by Donald P. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, ROY E.

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Roy E. Countryman. Picture taken in 1976 at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Roy, of Alexander, Jr., of Alexander, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Friedrich.

Roy, son of Alexander, Jr., and Carrie (Harryman) Countryman, was born November 23, 1919, at Roundup, Montana.

Roy graduated in chemical engineering at the University of Washington in 1950 and then entered the paper manufacturing industry, first with Weyerhaeuser Company in Washington state until 1957, then with Hoerner Waldorf in Missoula, Montana, until 1976. He was with the same company in St. Paul, Minnesota, as senior vice-president until the merger with Champion International. He was vice-president and general manager of pulp and paperboard manufacture with Champion at Stamford, Connecticut, from 1980 until he retired in 1984.

Roy has four offspring. Roy was born December 18, 1946. Carol Holmes was born January 7, 1948. She has a daughter, Brenda, and two sons, Ronald and Terry. She is an R.N. and resides in Cerritos, California. Cherie Clark was born April 5, 1950. She has two sons, Charles and Nicky, and is presently completing nurse's training at Missoula, Montana. Keith was born January 13, 1953.

by Roy Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, RUSSELL BYRON

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Russell, of Raymond, of Isaac Byron.

Russell Byron Countryman was born June 27, 1958, in Dixon, Illinois, to Raymond Byron Countryman (May 6, 1932) and Virginia Lenore (Crom) Countryman (August 22, 1931). Paternal grandparents are Isaac Byron Countryman (1905–1976) and Olive (Boda) Countryman, April 12, 1909, originally of Dixon, Illinois. He is the brother of Kalah Rae (Countryman) Felix, born March 7, 1956. Resided in Elmhurst, Illinois, from 1958 to 1977. He married Debra (Hernandez) Countryman on September 9, 1984. He attended the University of Texas at Austin, Texas, where he received his degree in mechanical engineering. They are presently residing in Fort Worth, Texas, and he is employed by General Dynamics. Debra is an airline reservationist for American Airlines.

by Virginia L. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, RUSSELL LOUIS

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Russell, of Levi Nelson, of Daniel.

"Russell L. Countryman, retired Pacific Coast manager of the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society, died yesterday at his Walnut Creek home. He was 79.

"Mr. Countryman was a former chairman of the Board of Fire Underwriters of the Pacific, a former president of the Pacific Coast Rating Bureau, and a former director of the National Automobile Club. He was past master of the Yerba Buena Lodge, No. 403, A.F.& A.M.

"A native of Missouri, he had lived in the Bay Area for 60 years.

"He is survived by his wife, Anita, of their home at 1108 Fairlawn court, Walnut Creek; three sons, Walter of Whittier, David, of Tacoma, and Ralph, of Oakland. He also leaves 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

"The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Tower Chapel of Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland, California."

(This obituary was among the items recently sent to Janet Current from the effects of Caroline Countryman and Belle Boyle, and was dated about 1965. On page 139 of the *Countryman Genealogy* 1925 is the detailed lineage of Russell Louis Countryman. The age of 79 years would also be in keeping with the death year being 1965.)

submitted by Janet (Countryman) Current

COUNTRYMAN, RUTH M. (STEELE)

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Ruth, wife of Winston, of George C., of Abraham, of Henry.

Ruth Mabel Steele was born in Big Lake, Washington, on October 10, 1908. Her parents were James Arthur and Anna Christina (Stinson) Steele. In 1909 the family moved to Cashmere, Washington. Mr. Steele managed an apple orchard. In 1914, the family moved to Everett, Washington. Ruth had two older brothers, Harold Arthur and Lloyd Edward.

Ruth graduated from Everett High School in 1927. She worked as a secretary for the West Coast Telephone Company. She attended the University of Washington.

In 1930 Ruth and Winston Countryman were married in Everett, Washington. In 1933 they moved to Baker, Oregon, and then to Boise, Idaho, where they have made their home. In 1948 they purchased a farm. Winston's father came to live with the family. Homemaking, gardening and canning were her main activities. In 1973 the farm land was sold to a developer for a subdivision.

In 1979 Winston retired from the insurance business which had been his work for many years. They planned to enjoy the golden years, but Winston's health failed. Ruth cared for him at home as long as possible. In 1983 he became a resident in a nursing home. Ruth has had a hip and knee replacement in the last three years.

Winston and Ruth have three sons, Donald Winston, James Richard, and David Allan. There are five grandchildren, Cari Jean, Corey James, Cathi Ann, Michael David, and Teresa Marie.

As a girl, Ruth was a Girl Reserve, a charter member of Rainbow Girls, a Masonic and Eastern Star sponsored organization. Later, she belonged to Zota International, a business organization. As her sons were growing up, she was active in Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and other support groups. She has been a member of Idaho State Homemakers Council. She is a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church.

by Mrs. Winston Countryman

(See photo next page.)

Family photo taken on the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Winston and Ruth (Steele) Countryman. Front row left to right: James, Winston, Ruth, and Donald Countryman. Back row left to right: Cathi, Corey, and Cari Countryman (children of Jim): Peggy Countryman (Mrs. Jim); David Countryman; Tom and Vickie Covelli; Teresa and Michael Countryman (children of Don); and Elaine Countryman (Mrs. Don).

The Samuel Elijah Countryman family, taken in 1922 at Salina, Kansas. Left to right: Hanna (Lindquist) Countryman holding Constance Elaine (Countryman) Owensby, Samuel Armand Countryman between his parents, and Samuel Elijah Countryman.

COUNTRYMAN, SAMUEL & EMMA (GRUBB)

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Samuel, of Conrad, of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Conrad Countryman and his wife Catharina (Miller) Miller had one son named Samuel. Samuel was born in Yorktown Township, Henry County, Illinois, on Christmas Day 1872. His mother had ten other children when she was widowed at the age of 39. The oldest four or five were probably out on their own when Samuel was born. Samuel grew up learning the farming business from his dad.

One story has survived regarding his early childhood. "When Ida Appelt Goembel was a girl, there would be a group of youngsters playing, and Sam Countryman used to want to join them. When the others got tired of him they would send Ida around the house to whistle. Sam had been told by his father always to come home when he whistled. Sam thought the whistle came from his father, and he would trot home." (Told by Ida's daughter Dorothy Goembel Wildermuth.)

About 1892 Samuel was married to Emma Grubb, born May 1871 in Illinois. Her parents were natives of Pennsylvania. Their three known children were twin girls Mayna and Mayza "Mayzie", born January 1894, and Vaughn Fulmer, born 17 November 1901 — probably all in Yorktown Township.

When father Conrad died in 1898, there was no will. Samuel petitioned and was granted administrative rights of the estate which consisted of real estate estimated at $2600.00 and personal property consisting of $3.50 cash on hand, $70 in inventoried notes, and unappraised items: 300 bushels of shelled corn, 1 cow, 6 wood bottom chairs, 1 sofa, 1 bureau, 1 commode, 1 clock, 1 rocker, 1 bedstead, 1 feather bed, 2 comforters, 1 quilt, 2 feather pillows, 4 sheets and 1 heating stove. These items were estimated to be worth $200.

Samuel's known residences were as follows: Yorktown Township, Hooppole P.O. (1898, 1900); Sterling, Whiteside County (1902, 1903); Prophetstown, Whiteside County (1907, 1908); Evergreen Township, Montcalm County, Michigan (1910 census); and possibly PawPaw, Van Buren County, Michigan.

There is no further information on this family. [A notation in the Hooppole (Calvary) church records says: "Conrad Countryman and wife moved to Ventura, Michigan, July 1900." Since both Conrad and his wife were deceased before this time, could this be a reference, with a mistaken date, to Samuel and Emma? There was a village called Ventura in Ottawa County with a post office by that name from 1862 to 1902. There is a Ventura Cemetery and a Ventura Church in Ottawa County, located six and five miles, respectively, northwest of Holland. Information received from the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, February 1986.]

by Lorraine Weick

COUNTRYMAN, SAMUEL ARMAND & MARTHA (CARL)

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Samuel Armand, of Samuel Elijah, of George Washington, of Hiram (or Hiram Isaac or Isaac Hiram). Page 19 Countryman Genealogy *1925: "Isaac Countryman, son of Antonius (Anthony), the youngest son of Conrad 2nd (of Conrad 1st, Johaan Fredriech) was born in the Mohawk Valley January 15, 1815, and moved to Varick, Seneca County, New York . . . Some of his sons were John, Andrew, Martin, Jr., Gideon and* George. *The last moved to Garfield, Kansas."*

Samuel Armand, son of Samuel Elijah (8/14/1869 - 1/15/1957) and Hannah Olivia (Lindquist) Countryman (1/25/1882 - 4/23/1975), was born July 4, 1919, at Salina, Kansas, where his father was teaching. The family moved to Olsburg, Kansas, when Samuel A. (Armand) was seven years old. This is where he and his sister, Elaine, received their education. For many years their mother was organist at the Olsburg Swedish Lutheran Church and their father taught until the Depression of the thirties forced teachers of advanced years out of a job.

Samuel E. was born at Varick, Seneca County, New York, the fourth of eight children of George W. (12/21/1838 - 3/23/1917) and Amelia (Kniseley) Countryman (1/22/1846 - 6/14/1911) who were married July 1, 1863, at Ovid, Seneca County, New York. George W. was a Civil War volunteer, Co H, 15th Reg, NY Engineers, as a private from 9/3/1864 to 6/13/1865. He came to Garfield, Pawnee County, Kansas, December 1, 1875. The family, including Amelia's mother, Abby Jane (Benjamin) Kniseley (daughter of Samuel Benjamin), followed a year later, arriving on Christmas Day 1876. Abby died 3/17/1877. George was a blacksmith, stonemason and a farmer. Samuel E. recalled that his dad walked ten miles from their home to his blacksmithing job in Garfield, and returned at night carrying a big sack of flour or feed on his powerful shoulders.

Samuel E. met Hannah at Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas, where they both

The George Washington Countryman family, taken in 1909 in Garfield, Kansas. Standing left to right: William L. (Linc.), George W., Jr., Catherine A. (Kate) Ware Bowers, Emma J. (Jane) North, Charles E. (Edd), and John V. Seated left to right: Frederick G., George Washington Countryman (father). Amelia (Kniseley) Countryman (mother), and Samuel Elijah. The children were born between 1865 and 1876 at Ovid, Rohmulus, or Varick, New York, except for Edd, who was born in 1882 at Garfield, Kansas.

Martha Anne (Carl) Countryman and Samuel Armand Countryman on their 30th wedding anniversary, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, December 7, 1976.

sang in the famous Lindsborg *Messiah* , and were married June 16, 1918. He never went to high school but he attended college five years. Being married late in life, he used to say he'd never live to see any of his grandchildren. He lived to see and enjoy all eight of them!

Their daughter, Constance Elaine (born 1/12/1922) now in Topeka, Kansas, married Kenneth Leroy Owensby (born 3/8/1922) on March 13, 1943. They have four married boys: Gary Leroy (born 12/14/1943), Ronald Lynn (born 9/18/1946), Gerald Wayne (born 7/28/1948) and Kenneth Leslie (born 12/15/1949).

Ever since Armand served in World War II (5/12/1942–2/2/1946) European Theatre, he's been "Sam." He also was in the Korean Conflict (10/14/1950–7/26/1951). He, in business school, and Martha Anne Carl, in nurses' training, were married December 7, 1946, in Kansas City, Missouri.

Martha (born 5/23/1925), her sister Mary Susan (Carl) Blume (born 8/11/1923) and her brother John David Carl (born 5/15/1927) were children of Plumb D. Carl (8/16/1891–1/29/1975) and Lena (Miller) Carl (born 11/23/1899) and grew up in the southwest corner of Lane County, Kansas.

Sam and Martha lived in several places in Kansas, North Dakota, and Nebraska, presently living in the village of Murdock, Nebraska (half-way between Lincoln and Omaha). Sam retired from the Federal Aviation Agency and Martha is a part-time teacher. Their children, Bonnie and Jim, were born in Garden City, Kansas; Sandy and 'Nita (twins) were born in Kansas City, Kansas.

Bonnie Jean (born 10/10/1948) married Don Waymond Hazlett (born 4/6/1945) July 18, 1971, in Pomona, California. Their children are David Joseph (born 10/12/1973), Catherine Louise (5/12/1975–8/16/1975), and Debra Jean (born 9/27/1977). They own Desert Diesel in Ridgecrest, California.

James Merle (born 4/17/1950) married Martha Jo "Marti" Kendle (born 10/31/1952) March 2, 1974, in Lincoln, Nebraska, where they presently live. Their children are Michael James (born 2/8/1975), Kevin Eugene (born 3/17/1977) and Amy Michelle (born 10/31/1982).

Sandra Lou (twin, born 10/27/1953) married Christopher William Orr (born 6/12/1954) on August 16, 1975, in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. (A tragedy happened that day. Bonnie and her family had come from California to attend Sandy's wedding. Bonnie's baby, Cathy, died of sudden infant death the morning of the wedding.) Their children are Tobias Jamison (born 9/12/1979), Tyler Christopher (born 1/22/1982), and Travis William (born 10/8/1984). They live in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Anita Sue (twin, born 10/27/1953) married Dennis Gerard Zuger (born 10/9/1953) August 7, 1976, at Gering, Nebraska. Their children are Zachariah John (born 4/24/1979), Allison Rene (born 1/14/1982) and Cameron Gerard (born 10/26/1984). They live in Omaha, Nebrakska.

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Martha Anne (Carl) Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, SOLOMON

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Solomon, of John Adam, of Conradt II, of Conradt I, of John Frederick.

Solomon Countryman was the son of John Adam Countryman. He appears with his family in the 1850 census in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Illinois, as a 42-year-old farmer, with his wife, Margaret, 41, and: Alfred, 20; Almira, 17; John, 15; George, 14; Solomon, Jr., 10; Daniel, 8; James, 5; and Erwin, three months. All members of the family were born in New York, except for James and Erwin.

by Donald P. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, THOMAS ALVA

F272

The Alabama Countrymans — Thomas, of George W.S.

Thomas Alva Countryman was born 7 December 1858 in Alabama and died 9 April 1942 in Georgiana, Alabama (Butler County). He married first on 18 January 1877 M.M. (Margaret Wiggins) at Monroe County, Alabama, at the home of Mahala Wiggins. He married second Francis Dunn on 17 March 1886, Evergreen, Alabama (Conecuh County). Francis was born 24 May 1860 and died 18 April 1923, Evergreen, Alabama. She was the daughter of Wesley Dunn and Darcus Smith.

E. Wesley Dunn was born 19 November 1829 and died 7 April 1903. His wife Darcus Lucresa Smith was born 10 October 1836 and died 25 October 1904, buried Concord Methodist Cemetery, Conecuh County, Alabama. Issue: Francis, born 24 May 1860, Wilcox

County, Alabama, died 18 April 1923, married Thomas Alva Countryman; Julia E., born 11 November 1869, Wilcox County, Alabama, died 17 December 1935; George; and Sam, killed in late 1880s by Hipp & Kelly, Butler County, Alabama.

The six children of Thomas Alva Countryman were all born in Conecuh County, Alabama:

Maggie was born 30 March 1887 and died 20 May 1954. She married John Earl Brooks (1881–1934, buried Owassa). Issue, all born Conecuh County, Alabama: Milton Dunn, born 23 May 1917, married 9 March 1946 to Francis Morgan, born 12 January 1921, no issue; Harold C. (Brother), born 1920, died 1974, never married; Thomas John, born 28 January 1921, died 4 January 1966, no issue; Norman Frances, died 13 May 1983; Kenneth C., born 1926, died 5 July 1984, married 1948 Virginia –?, issue — Kenneth C., Jr., Earl, and Stephen. Harold, Thomas John, and Norman Frances are buried at Owassa, Alabama. Kenneth is buried at Robertsdale, Alabama.

John Harmon was born 21 August 1888. His story is given separately.

Hubert Holly was born 2 October 1890. His story is given separately.

Benjamin Clifford was born 31 December 1892 and died 30 March 1966, buried at Georgiana, Alabama. He was married 28 May 1921 at Evergreen, Alabama, to Carrie Trawick, born 1 July 1896, Forest Home, Alabama. Issue: Byron Clifford, born 28 July 1923, married to Leta Roy; issue — Rusty (married Nita, issue Carrie) and Michael Ann (married –?– Owens, three children). Names of other children not known.

Georgie was born 10 May 1896 and died 19 April 1982, buried at Owassa, Alabama. She married Luther Martin in 1944; he was born 28 February 1883 and died 5 December 1959 at Bay Minette, Alabama, buried Owassa, Alabama. No issue.

Sammie A. was born 15 September 1900 and is still living (1985). He was married 9 May 1931 at Evergreen, Alabama, to Dorothy Whitacre, born in North Carolina. No issue.

by Maxine Holland

COUNTRYMAN, THOMAS JEFFERENCE

F273

This story was given to Lawrence Countryman (now deceased) of Yakima, Washington. Wyoming Countrymans — here could be the story to provide your missing link!

Thomas Jefference Countryman: His parents came from New York state to Freeport, Illinois, I don't know what year. I don't know if T.J. was born in New York or Illinois, but when he was a young man he was in Denver, Colorado. I think the country was all prairie. No Denver at that time. Some cattle men from Freeport had cattle there and had to herd them on horseback. T.J. herded cattle. I don't know how long. He came back to Freeport and married Susan Morris when he was quite young. I know she was 16 and he was a few years older.

When the Civil War broke out his father had to go to war. I don't know if he was killed or had some sickness. [Adam Countryman, 92nd Cav., Freeport, Illinois, was killed at Statesboro, Georgia, October 26, 1862. *C.G.* '25, pg. 179.] His wife was Catharine Snyder. She afterwards married William Morris and lived in Freeport with her son T.J.

T.J. went south when his father was in the army and came home to Freeport. He got the asthma while he was south and had it the rest of his life. In January 1885, he moved all his belongings, farm machinery, horses and cattle and family to Iowa. He moved by railroad from Freeport, Illinois, to Morrison, Iowa. Morrison is in Grundy County. In 1890 he moved to Wright County, Iowa, near Renwick. In 1895 he moved to Dows, Wright County, Iowa.

In January 1906 he moved to Washington state near Dairy Stevens County. In 1917 he sold his home near Daisy [*sic*] and made his home with his son George near Lamont, Whitman County, Washington. In 1921 he died in Spokane in the home of his son Frank.

T.J. was the only child. No brothers or sisters. He had 5 boys and 6 girls. T.J. had a cousin living in Freeport but he died before I knew the Countrymans. He died from a Carbuncle on his knee. It got infection. He had a wife and her name was Mina. They had 2 boys and 2 girls. The boys were Edd and Charles. The girls were Nellie and I don't remember the other's name. Charles was a butcher. I don't know what Edd did. I never saw them. They left Freeport in June 1880 and went to Wyoming. I don't know what town or what they were going to do. We lost track of them in a short time. They went away at the time George and Mary got married in June 1880. I had never seen them. That is all I know about them.

Now T.J. had 5 boys, George, James, Charles, Albert and Frank. Charles lives at Blue Creek, Washington. He has 2 boys, Eddie and Lucian. They both live at Troy, Montana. Albert has 2 boys at Arlington, Washington. One is Oliver and I don't know the other's name. Only little Albert is left from Jim's family. Frank had 8 boys. They live in Spokane but Robert lives in Seattle. Walter is dead. The ones now are Elmer, Harold, Cleal, Roxy, Floyd, Wilbert, and Robert.

submitted by Ardell Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, TRACY & JENNIFER (CONOLLY)

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Tracy, of Willard, of Jackson Delbert, of Andrew Jackson, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Frederich.

Tracy Andrew, son of Willard A. and Lois (Bolles) Countryman, was born on January 23, 1956, in Sioux City, Iowa. I came home from the hospital to the farm where I lived with my family until I was nine years old. My family consisted of two older sisters, Vicki and Susanne, and a younger sister, Amy.

We moved from our first home to the Neubaum farm in February of 1965. I lived

Back row: Tracy and Jennifer Countryman. Front row: Tracy II and April.

there until my marriage in 1974. I went to school in Moville, Iowa, and graduated from Woodbury Central in 1974. In June of that same year I married Jennifer Conolly, daughter of James and Delores (Addington) Conolly.

Jennifer was born November 20, 1955, in Pawpaw, Michigan. She later moved to Sioux City with her family. Jennifer came from a large family which consisted of four sisters and three brothers. Jennifer graduated from East High School in Sioux City in 1974. We were married on June 22, 1974, in Sioux City, Iowa.

Following our marriage we lived in the original farm house that I had lived in for the first nine years of my life. While living there, our first child was born. Tracy Andrew II was born on January 26, 1977, at St. Luke's Medical Center in Sioux City, Iowa. Shortly after he was born we moved to our new home, on the old Mason farm. On November 7, 1980, April Rae was born at St. Luke's Medical Center in Sioux City, Iowa.

by Tracy Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, VERN & VERA (POUND)

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Vern, of Alexander, Jr., of Alexander, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Friedrich.

Vern, son of Alexander, Jr., and Carrie (Harryman) Countryman, was born May 10, 1917, at Roundup, Montana. He married Vera Pound on November 4, 1940.

A graduate of the University of Wash-

Vern Countryman. Picture taken in 1985 at Lexington, Massachusetts.

ington Law School, he was a clerk to Justice William O. Douglas 1942–1943. He was Sterling Fellow, Yale Law School 1947–1948; taught at Yale Law School; was dean of the University of New Mexico School of Law 1959–1964; and has been a professor at Harvard Law School since 1964. Vern has authored numerous articles in legal periodicals, as well as several books.

Vern and Vera have two daughters. Kay Countryman was born February 27, 1948. She is married to Ronald Briggs and they have one daughter, Megan Countryman Briggs, born October 31, 1981. The second Countryman daughter, Debra, was born February 7, 1953.

by Roy Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, WILFRED ARTHUR

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Wilfred, of John Henry, of Jacob, of John Adam, of Conradt II, of Conradt I, of John Frederick.

Wilfred Arthur Countryman was the third son of John Henry and Mary C. He was born in Wright County, Iowa, September 13, 1876. He lived at Wiscotta, Iowa, at the time of his untimely death. He was in his 21st year and had an accident at the front gate. The injury was bad enough for him to bleed to death in the front yard. He is buried at Wiscatta Cemetery along with his mother, Mary, and brothers.

by Donald P. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, WILLARD & LOIS (BOLLES)

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Lois and Willard Countryman and their daughter Amy. Taken in 1986.

J. Delbert Countryman (center), his son, Willard (right), and grandson, Tracy (left) holding great-grandson Tracy II. Taken at the Methodist Church in Moville, Iowa, on the occasion of J. Delbert's 90th birthday in 1979.

Willard, of Jackson Delbert, of Andrew Jackson, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Frederich.

Willard Andrew, son of Jackson Delbert and Millie J. (Hendricks) Countryman, was born on March 12, 1927, at the Pfeiffer farm. We moved to the Countryman farm homesteaded by Andrew J. Countryman, located two miles east of Moville, Iowa. I was six months old at that time.

Many happy memories are with me of those years spent with my family on the family farm. Family dinners at Aunt Maybell's in Moville were some of my happiest times. My family consisted of seven children: Fern, the eldest and first daughter; Lloyd, the first son; Lawrence, who died at an early age; I (Willard) was next; Donald was born four years later; then Delores; and last, Marilyn.

I graduated from Moville High in the spring of 1943 when I was 16 years old. I worked at home on the family farm and for neighbors by day until I worked for Ed Weaver by the month. My wages were $125.00 per month. I remember a brown leather jacket that Ed gave me as a bonus when I told him I was going into farming for myself. I thought that was the greatest jacket in the world, and I still have it. I bought a truck in 1948 and continued trucking until I bought our farm in 1951. I started farming in 1948 with my brother-in-law, Melvin Kumpula. We farmed the place known as the Bappe farm. At that time I lived with my sister Fern and her family.

In 1950 I met Lois Bolles, daughter of Arch L. and Helen (Livermore) Bolles. Lois was the third daughter of seven children. She was born May 19, 1932, at Oto, Iowa. There were three brothers: Archie, the firstborn and eldest son; John W.; and Reuben L. There were four sisters: Marjorie, the eldest daughter; Charlotte; Lois; and Winnie, the youngest. A double wedding united Lois and me and my brother Don and her sister Winnie on December 28, 1950. We lived together on a farm owned by Don. Our first daughter, Vicki, was born while we lived there.

On March 1, 1952, we moved with our daughter to the farm known as the Gorham farm, which we had purchased. Our second daughter, Susanne, was born on November 8, 1953. Our first son, Tracy Andrew, was born on January 23, 1956. Six years later on May 26, 1962, our third daughter and last child, Amy, was born. In 1964 we purchased the farm which we knew as the Neubaum farm. Originally it had been owned by the Hobbs family for a number of years. We lived there from 1965 to 1974. In August of that year, much to the delight of our youngest and only unmarried child, Amy, we moved to town.

Our daughter Vicki and her husband, Craig McElrath, then moved to the farm. They had one son, Ryan, at this time. Two more sons, Adam and Luke, were added to their family. Vicki and Craig were married October 4, 1969, in Moville, Iowa. Susanne and Kelly Weaver were married May 12, 1973, in Moville. They have two children, a daughter Tiffany Ann, the eldest, and a son, Dax Michael. Our son, Tracy A., and Jennifer Conolly were married June 22, 1974, in Sioux City, Iowa. They have two children, a son, Tracy Andrew II, the eldest, and a daughter, April Rae. Susanne and Kelly and family live in the town of Moville. Tracy A. and Jennifer and their family live on our farm, purchased in 1971. It was formerly known as the Mason farm. In the year of 1977 we sold 20 acres to my nephew, Larry Countryman. They live there now in their new home.

Our daughter Amy graduated from Woodbury Central in May of 1980. She worked as a secretary for a time and then decided to go to college. She entered the University of Northern Iowa at Cedar Falls, Iowa, in January of 1981. In 1983 she transferred to the University of South Dakota at Vermillion, South Dakota. There she majored in business and then changed her major to accounting, in which she eaned her degree on May 12, 1985. She is an accountant with Plainview in Sioux City, Iowa. She resides in Sioux City at this time.

We have lived in Moville since 1974. We moved into our new home on April 1, 1975. Lois works as an elementary librarian in the Woodbury Central Schools. She really loves her job as she gets to see her grandchildren and be a part of their school day. All the kids are special to her. I work at several things now — some farming and carpenter work. I also work for A.S.C.S. and F.C.I. as an adjustor. I am currently restoring a 1929 Model A Ford. I hope to have it done for Moville's Centennial in 1987.

by Willard Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, WILLIAM & CLARISSA (FISKE) ALEXANDER

F278

William, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Friedrich.

William Countryman, eldest son of Conrad 2nd, the compiler's great-great-grandfather, was born in 1795 in Upper Canada, probably near Osnabruck, Ontario. We know little of his early life. With his parents he moved in 1818 to the largely unsettled area of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, later known as Parma Heights. Some sources report that his father, Conrad Countryman 2nd, was a bell maker; however, William was to learn and practice the trade of a blacksmith and wagon maker.

In 1828, still a bachelor, William purchased a lot in Florence, Huron County, Ohio, and moved there. Soon after, on 4 December 1828, he married Clarissa (Fiske) Alexander, born 13 August 1802, New Ipswich, New Hampshire, daughter of Joel and Lucinda Fiske. For several years they lived in Huron, later known as Erie County, Ohio. Children born of this marriage were: (1) Mary Ann, born ca. 1828, married Harmon Whaley 8 September 1853, Cuyahoga County, Ohio; (2) Francis "Frank", born 19 February 1830, Birmingham, Erie County, Ohio, married Julia A. Alley 22 July 1852, Monmouth, Warren County, Illinois, died 28 March 1900, Oquawka, Henderson County, Illinois; (3) Lucinda, born ca. 1832; (4) Conrad, born ca. 1834–1836; and (5) Emma Cornelia, born ca. 1837, married –?– Reed.

After the passage of 150 years, we can only speculate on the difficult times this family experienced. With even greater certainty, after the passage of 150 years, we cannot act as judge and jury for our ancestors. There was the financial panic of 1837 which rocked the fledgling settlements of the Western Reserve. Businesses folded, many banks failed, hundreds of persons declared bankruptcy in Cleveland alone. In 1838 William Countryman, along with eight others, was indicted by the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury for counterfeiting coin. William pled guilty and was sentenced, serving three years in the Ohio Penitentiary. During this time Clarissa and the children joined the North Union Shaker community, located near the present-day city of Shaker Heights, Ohio. On 16 August 1843 William and Clarissa Countryman were granted a divorce in Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

As the years passed and the children matured, one by one they left the communal life of the Shaker village. Perhaps the youngsters resented the Shaker custom which separated them from their mother and each other, placing them instead in large dormitories with other children. Maybe they sought greater personal opportunities than were offered by the commune life style with its strict tenets of separation of men and women and the prohibition of marriage. Their stories would be fascinating to hear. William Countryman would leave Cuyahoga County, Ohio, to settle further west in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and marry again, but that is the subject of another story. Clarissa, after leaving the Shakers, remained in Cleveland and supported herself by nursing. She was a member of the Congregational Church.

On 7 October 1878 Clarissa Countryman, age 76, was admitted to the Home for Aged Women in Cleveland, Ohio. In her application she stated that her children were scattered and estranged from her. One son (presumably Conrad) went into the war and was never heard from. She lists her other children: Mrs. Mary Ann Whaley of Doane St. in East Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Emma Cornelia Reed of White Pigeon, Michigan; Miss Lucinda Countryman of Cleveland; and Francis Countryman of Ockquakee, Henderson County, Illinois. Clarissa lived in the equivalent of an efficiency apartment at the home until her death, 2 May 1890. Her death record erroneously states burial in Woodland Cemetery, Cleveland. East Cleveland Cemetery burial cards confirm that Clarissa Countryman is in fact buried in an unmarked plot in the East Cleveland Cemetery, East Cleveland, Ohio.

by Ronna K. Bryant

COUNTRYMAN, WILLIAM & EVA (LEIGH)

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William A., Harriet, and Eva (Leigh) Countryman, taken ca. 1925–30.

William, of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

My parents lived on a farm near Hayward, Wisconsin, when I first came on the scene. Before I went to school they moved into the town of Hayward, where we owned a home until we moved to Idaho in 1934. My father loved to travel and most of our winters were spent in California. We also lived in Iowa, where the folks ran a service station; in Minnesota, on a farm; and in California, where they owned a paint store.

My father was an excellent painter and interior decorator; my mother seemed always busy tending to the needs of people around her. Both parents were always ready to help others. Father was a great lover of children and they all enjoyed having him around. Mother was a good teacher, as she carried school books with us on our travels and held classes every day. I'm sure it was a help to me, for I changed schools 10 to 12 times a year and never had to be held back.

Some of our first trips to California were quite an experience. They were made with the Model T Ford, which had to be loaded from front to back with all our needs including a tent and pole as there weren't many "motels" along the way. The roads in Arizona and New Mexico were "scary" as there was lots of desert area and we drove on plank roads with turnout areas in case we met another car. Hoover Dam had no road across the top, so one just drove across the bottom through the water. Mother had a phobia about curves and riding up mountainsides , so I got to walk many a mile as she refused to ride in those areas.

In 1936 the folks moved to Grandview, Washington, for a year and then on to Yakima, Washington, where they lived until my mother passed away in July of 1938. My father then came to live back in Grandview, as I lived there then, having been married in February of 1938. Father then lived with us most of the time until his passing in June of 1950.

I have many good memories of our visits and time spent with the Countryman families in Iowa, one of the earliest being about the age of three or four while at the old home place near Moville, Iowa. I remember Grandfather Countryman carrying me down the stairs during the night when a tornado came through. I told him it sounded like tigers, but he assured me everything would be all right in a while, so I just relaxed and went to sleep. The other young "uns" and I caused our grandparents to be very concerned many times as we played in the grove, well house, grain bin, and climbed the windmill. The grain bin and windmill episodes were one-time episodes, as we were well reprimanded when we couldn't get down from the windmill and Grandpa told us we could have sunk to the bottom of the full grain bin and not gotten out. Grandpa had a small box that gave off small electrical shocks that supposedly helped with his rheumatism. We learned fast that was a no-no to play with. Grandma was always busy in the kitchen, as there always seemed to be a houseful of folks ready to eat.

The first year I went to school, Uncle Rob and Aunt Mabel Rhue and family went with us to California. Delbert didn't like it out there at all and cried and cried to go back home where he could "just stick his head in a snow bank." Another time when the folks ran the service station in Correctionville, Iowa, a woman drove through the side of the station. Mother served lunches, also, and Robbie Rhue was sitting at the counter eating at the time. When my mother came on the scene, Robbie was sitting in the middle of the floor and looked to be covered with blood and badly hurt. However, she discovered it was catsup from a bottle that had broken and splattered over him.

I am so thankful for all of the wonderful memories and that God sent such a wonderful set of parents and family my way.

by Howard and Harriet (Countryman) Wallace

COUNTRYMAN, WILLIAM & MARY ANN (McKENDRICK)

F280

William, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Friedrich.

William Countryman, son of Conrad 2nd, was born in 1795 in Upper Canada. In 1838 he was described in one record as "ht. 5' 9⅝", eyes light blue, hair black, complexion common, high forehead and quite bald, habits: temperate." Following his divorce from Clarissa Countryman (see separate story), he left Ohio and purchased a lot and blacksmith shop in Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana. At first he was in partnership with a Moses Eller, but later following his marriage to Mary Ann McKendrick on 22 February 1846 in Fort Wayne, they bought out Eller's interest.

Mary Ann McKendrick was born 13 November 1828, probably in Ohio or Indiana. Information regarding her family has not been discovered. She was only 18 when she married William Countryman, nearly 50 at the time. They were the parents of five children, all born in Fort Wayne: (1) Alice Jane, born 15 October 1848, no marriage, died 28 February 1877; (2) Emmaline, born 22 July 1851, married first –?– Weller, married second Henry Tidey 3 May 1874, died 18 March 1928; (3) Andrew, born 4 August 1853, married first Olive Jane Brant 30 July 1876, married second Anna Tupper 26 June 1882, died 1 March 1928; (4) Louisa, born 22 November 1855, married Ole Iverson, died 15 June 1926; and (5) Albert, born 19 November 1857, no marriage, died 13 November 1924. Henry and Emmaline (Countryman) Tidey are the great-grandparents of the compiler.

Order Book "H" of the Allen County, Indiana, Circut Court records that during the February term 1855, William and Mary Ann Countryman were granted a divorce. Slightly over a year later, William would marry for the third time, this time in Allen County, Indiana, to Margaret Ball on 21 June 1856. Following this marriage, we have little data on William Countryman. It is doubtful that he remained in Fort Wayne, as in the 1860 census the four youngest children, Emmaline, Andrew, Louisa, and Albert, are residents of Bernard Reker's Orphanage in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, with the notation "F dis-"(father disappeared?). Here they were cared for and received schooling. It is presumed that their older sister and mother worked as household help to support themselves. A William Countryman appears in the 1860 census of Clark County, Indiana, in the town of Jeffersonville, also a blacksmith, with appropriate age and birthplace. This is probably the same person, but no further evidence has been located.

We do not know how many years these children remained in the orphanage. Family tradition indicates that Alice never married, and may have died as the result of burns received in a lantern accident. Emmaline married first, prior to 1870, to –?– Weller. He may have been a horse trader. She married second to Henry Tidey, a widower with three small children. They lived on their farm in Berrien County, Michigan, all their married life. Andrew married first to Olive Jane Brant in Berrien County, Michigan, and married second to Anna Tupper in Berrien County, Michigan. Andrew Countryman resided in Chicago and may have had two sons, Albert and Lawrence (Andrew?). Louisa married Ole Iverson and lived for many years near Iron Mountain, Michigan. Albert never married and lived with his mother on her farm in Berrien County, Michigan, for many years.

Mary Ann (McKendrick) Countryman probably married –?– Lewis prior to 1870; however, no reference had been found to document this marriage. She died 9 April 1905 in Sodus Township, Berrien County, Michigan.

by Ronna K. Bryant

COUNTRYMAN, WILLIAM & MARY JANE (WARNER)

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William Countryman and Mary Jane Warner.

The Canadian Countrymans — William, of John, of John, of Jacob, of Conrad, of Johan Frederick.

William, son of John Countryman and Mary Hunter, was born on September 6, 1838, in Osnabruck Township, Stortmont County, Ontario. He was a farmer who purchased the following lands in Concession 7 of Osnabruck Township: (1) 20 acres of Lot 35 for $600 in 1875; and (2) 63 acres of Lot 31 for $1300 in 1890. William died on January 29, 1916. His wife was Mary Jane Warner who was born on March 15, 1844. Mary Jane lived with her son David after her husband died. She died about 1920.

William and Mary Jane had four children. The oldest child, Hugh P., was born in 1872. He was killed while working on the railroad in California. He had a family of four girls at the time of his death.

The second child, Mary Elizabeth, was born in 1875. She married J. Arthur Beckstead (1874–1949). They farmed at Grantley, Ontario. She died in 1963 at the age of 88 years and is buried in Grantley Cemetery, Williamsburg Township, Ontario. They had one child, Wilda, who married Dan Robillard. Dan and Wilda have five children.

The youngest son, David William, was born on December 8, 1877. He married Bertha Hilliard. He died at the age of 82 years on September 19, 1959, and is also buried at Grantley Cemetery. See his story for further details.

The youngest child, Hattie A., was born on October 4, 1879. She married William McIntyre. They farmed near Finch, Ontario. They adopted one child, Bruce McIntyre. He married Helen Ouderkirk and has a family of three girls. Hattie died in 1947 and was buried at MacMillan Cemetery in Osnabruck Township, Ontario.

by David L. Montgomery

COUNTRYMAN, WILLIAM & SYLVIA (GOEMBEL)

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The Abraham Countryman farmstead, Hooppole, Illinois, ca. 1880.

William, of Abraham.

William Countryman was born September 21, 1871. He attended grade school a half mile east of the Countryman place. Later he attended a business college in Dixon, Illinois,

William Countryman and his children, Clayton, Anita, Dwight, and Myrlin.

The Abraham (and later William) Countryman farm at a later date.

which was similar to a high school.

He married Sylvia Goembel, who was a school teacher. She was born August 1, 1875, and died October 17, 1929. They had six children, all born at the Countryman home which William's father, Abraham, built a little before 1879. Prior to that William had lived with his family in a cabin where he and all of his brothers and sisters were born. His younger brother George was two years old when the family moved into the new house. Clayton was born September 21, 1901; Myrlin on May 4, 1904; Dwight on December 21, 1909; and Anita on May 21, 1916. Two other boys died in childhood.

William was a member of Calvary Evangelical Church and later Zion Evangelical Church, both in Hooppole, Illinois, where he taught Sunday School.

He farmed all his life, following on the farm his father Abraham purchased in Yorktown Township, Henry County, Illinois. He was a Hooppole telephone board director, on the Hooppole cemetery board, and a director on the Hooppole bank board.

He continued to live on the farm with his son, Myrlin, and his second wife until his death June 6, 1958.

by Martha Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, WILLIAM ALFRED & PEARL (KALYNKI)

F283

The Canadian Countrymans — William Alfred, of William Albert, of James Albert, of Martin, of John, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st.

William Alfred Countryman, son of William Albert and Pearl May (Palmateer) Countryman, was born April 8, 1919. He

Halifax bomber crew, World War II. W.A. Countryman is second from the left.

W.H. Countryman and family. Back row left to right: W.H. and Nick. Front row left to right: Neal, Nathan, and Brenda.

married Pearl Kalynki from Saskatchewan, born August 19, 1915. There were two boys, William Harold, born December 27, 1948, and Douglas John, born January 31, 1951.

William Harold married Brenda Zaroksi on March 5, 1973 and has two sons, Nathan and Neal, and one adopted son, Nick. Nathan was born January 24, 1977; Neal was born June 21, 1978; and Nick was born January 4, 1970.

Douglas John married Patsy Ann Tebo from Tweed. They have three children: Alicia, born November 1, 1978; Stephen John, born October 3, 1980; and Julie Marie, born May 14, 1983.

William Alfred joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in World War II and served as a radar mechanic with the R.A.F. for ten months, then remustered to aircrew as a gunner. He trained at Stormy Down in Wales and did a tour as a tail gunner over France,

Pearl (Kalynki) and W.A. Countryman of Tweed, Ontario, Canada.

The Douglas Countryman family. Left to right: Patsy, holding Julia Marie; Alicia; and Douglas, holding Stephen John.

Germany, and Norway, 33 trips, and was discharged at the rank of flying officer when the atomic bomb ended the war.

He then purchased the old original farm from his uncle, John Martin Countryman, and they still live there (December 1985). His father, William, purchased farms joining the original homestead. This land is all being farmed by William Alfred's sons, William Harold and Douglas John.

by William Alfred Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, WILLIAM EDWARD & SARAH (HOWARD)

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William E. and Sallie (Sarah Howard) Countryman with their two children, Claude and Maude.

William, of Isiah, of George.

"For a number of years past he has successfully engaged in raising the general crops of the locality and in producing a number of cattle and other live stock. His record in business and in citizenship has been marked with a most solid integrity, and honorable in his dealings and esteemed among his fellow citizens, he is one of the formost men of Jackson Township.

"William E. Countryman was born on the homestead farm in Jackson Township, section 13, on November 9, 1860, the second son of Isiah and Sarah (Crull) Countryman. His father came from Highland County, Ohio, being eighteen years of age when he located in Jackson Township. The four children of Isiah and Sarah (Crull) Countryman were Lucinda who lived only two years and six months, John A., William E., and Marcella J. (Jennie) (Countryman) Gore.

"The schooling with which Mr. Countryman was prepared from first to last received in the Cass County Schools, after which he took up the work of the farm and was his father's assistant for some years. Since then he has acquired proprietorship of the J.R. Howard farm section 9, Jackson Township, and is now conducting it successfully for the raising of stock.

"Mr. Countryman was married June 26, 1861, to Miss Sarah Howard, a daughter of J.T. and Elizabeth (Bickell) Howard. Her father came to Indiana from Clarke County, Ohio, where he was born and reared. Mr. and Mrs. Countryman are the parents of two children. Maude, who is a graduate of grade and high school and has been a successful teacher, now resides at home. Claude is also home and has completed his school. Mr. Countryman is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and is a member of the Universalist Church, of Galveston."

The first four paragraphs are found in *The History of Cass County, Indiana* Vol. 1, published by Lewis Pub. Co., Chicago & New York, 1913, no author stated.

William Edward Countryman was closest to his sister Jennie, or so was Jennie's thought. William believed strongly enough in the importance of an education that he contributed heavily to this. (We have documented proof of this statement.)

by Jo Benjamin

COUNTRYMAN, WILLIAM HENRY & MARY (O'ROKE)

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William Henry, of John.

William Henry Countryman, son of John and Ellen "Nellie" (Christman) Countryman, was born 17 October 1840 in Danube Township, Herkimer County, New York. He moved in 1844 from New York to Illinois, and in about 1867 moved from Illinois to Iowa. He served in the Civil War in the 12th Illinois Volunteer Cavalry from 21 January 1862 to 27 February 1866, and was discharged at Memphis, Tennessee. He was a stonemason by trade.

William Henry and Mary Catherine (O'Roke) Countryman.

William H, and Mary (O'Roke) Countryman.

William Henry married Mary Catherine O'Roke in Winnebago County, Illinois, on 23 October 1865. Mary was the daughter of John and Catherine O'Roke. She was born 25 January 1848 in Monroe Township, Ogle County, Illinois.

Their children are as follows: Harley (March 1866–1869) and Esther Minerva (July 1867–1869) both died of the Black Plague; William George (13 July 1869–1939) married Ida May Debe (1875–1940); Mary Evelene "Eva" (24 August 1871–?) married Fred Worchester; Eliza (September 1874–?); Charles Edwin (18 September1876–24 June 1959) married Kate Louise Sweeting; Ida May (5 August 1880–8 October 1969) married George Butterfield; Ellen Eudora (26 March 1882–?) married Henry Harris; Rosalie (23 February 1885–1972) married George Moulton; and Arthur (May 1889–1889).

William Henry Countryman died 28 April 1903 in Seneca Township, Kossuth County, Iowa. Mary Catherine (O'Roke) Countryman died 31 December 1913 at Swea City, Kossuth County, Iowa. Both are buried in the Harrison Township Cemetery at Swea City.

This information was compiled by Nancy B. Olson.

submitted by Donald P. Countryman

COUNTRYMAN, WILLIAM HENRY & MARY (O'ROKE)

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William, of John.

William Henry Countryman was born 17 October 1838 in Herkimer County, New York, and moved with his parents, John and Ellen (Christman) Countryman to Illinois when he was a young man. He enlisted in the Union Army 17 January 1862 at Rockford, Illinois, serving in Company A, 12th Illinois Volunteer Cavalry as a private until his discharge 27 February 1866 at Memphis, Tennessee.

He married Mary Catherine O'Roke, daughter of John and Katherine O'Roke, 10 October 1865 in Rockford, Illinois. She was born 20 January 1842 in DeKalb County, Illinois. William and Mary Countryman moved to LaPorte City, Blackhawk County, Iowa, about 1867; then to Clarion, Wright County, Iowa, about 1880; and in 1894 to Swea City, Iowa, where he farmed, worked as a stonemason, and trapped.

William's parents, John (7 November 1807–21 October 1890) and Ellen (28 April 1808–1 July 1888), are buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Clarion, Iowa. They had 14 children and were members of the Evangelical Church, according to one record; to the Nativity Dutch Church, according to another record.

Children of William H. and Mary were: Harley (March 1866–1869); Esther Minerva (July 1867–1869); William George (July 13, 1869–1939), married Ida May Debbe (1875–1940), children — George William, Denzil, Arthur, Clarence; Mary Evelena (24 August 1871–19??), married Fred Worcester, children — Clayton, Ivor, Clifford, Bessie, Bud; Eliza (September 1874–1874); Charles Edwin (18 September 1876–24 June 1959), married Kate Louise Sweeting, son Harvey; Ida May (5 August 1880–8 October 1969), married George Butterfield, children — Ruth, Hugh, Clyde, Marie, Fred, Stuart, George; Ellen Eudora (26 March 1882–196?), married Henry Harris, children — Henry, Harold, Robert; Rosalie (23 February 1885–197?), married George Moulton, children — Jack, Alice, Frank; Arthur; May (1889–1889).

William Henry Countryman drowned in a slough near Swea City, Iowa, on 28 April 1903, while walking from his home in town to his son's farm. He was a stonemason there. His wife died 31 December 1913 at Swea City, Iowa.

Notice the hands of William Henry Coun-

tryman in this picture. The fingers are short and the hand seems short and broad. Short, wide hands with shortened fingers and short, broad feet with short toes and high insteps are inherited in this branch of the family. Of William and Mary's children, it is known Rosalie had problems of this sort, and several children of Ida May (my grandmother) inherited it. My father and one of his brothers had short, wide feet and hands, but not the other five in their family as far as I know. I inherited it; my sister didn't. Three of my four children carry this on; neither of hers does. William's Civil War papers speak of his marching for most of three years; I wonder how he managed on these feet.

by Nancy Butterfield Olson

COUNTRYMAN, WILLIAM JAY & WELTHA (UMPHREY)

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William Jay, of Noah, of Peter, Jr., of Peter, of George, of Andrew or Henry, of John Frederick Contreman.

William Jay Countryman, known to his friends as Jay, was born on February 25, 1895, in Douds, Iowa. Jay was married to Weltha Umphrey on February 16, 1917, in Birmingham, Iowa. Weltha was born in Birmingham, Iowa, on May 12, 1897. They had one child, Robert.

Jay was a farmer all of his life. He and Weltha lived at Douds, Iowa, when they were first married. They moved to a farm near Fairfield, Iowa, in November of 1933. In March of 1941, they and their son, Robert, moved to Davis County near Bloomfield, Iowa, where they purchased a farm five miles south and one mile west of Pulaski.

Jay passed away on April 1, 1964, while residing on the farm near Bloomfield. Weltha passed away in March of 1980. They are both buried at the Maple Hill Cemetery in Birmingham, Iowa.

by David W. Countryman

Wedding picture of Weltha and William Jay Countryman.

COUNTRYMAN, WILLIAM RILEY

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The Alabama Countrymans — William, of George W.S.

William Riley Countryman was born 24 April 1854 in Alabama and died 20 February 1929, Steele, Alabama. He married Mary Barbarow, born 6 February 1859, died 30 January 1927. The marriage took place 23 June 1875 in Monroe County, Alabama, at the home of the bride. They are buried in Steele United Methodist Church Cemetery. Her parents were born in Italy. William and Mary had seven children:

Tilden.

Mattie L., born September 1879, married –?– Emmons and they had a son, Roy, and a daughter.

Henry Franklin (Lee) was born 6 October 1887 and died 18 January 1968. He married Rosa Milstead, born 1 July 1882/3, died 20 February 1969. They had five children: (1) Katy Beatrice, born 24 February 1909, married first Elbert Slay (issue — Helen, Donald Terry married Roberta), married second Warren Orr. (2) Walter Elmer, born 20 September 1911, married Ruby Vaughn, born 11 January 1916 (issue — Murray Walter, born 18 March 1937, and Elizabeth Wynell, born 17 June 1940. Murray married Diane White, born 3 October 1940, married 25 July 1961, children Sharon, David, and Linda. Wynell married Robert S. Bruce, born 10 November 1937, one son, Robert S., Jr., born 17 April 1961. He married first Nancy Smith and married second Jeanne Brown, born 26 August 1962. They were married in Alaska in May 1983 and their son, Robert S. III was born 20 December 1983 in Alaska.) (3) Lillian Estelle was born 1 October 1913 and died 17 September 1915. (4) Leroyal was born 19 August 1916 and married Estelle Mosley (issue — Leroyal, Jr., and Joyce). (5) George was born 5 August 1920 and married Ruby Havens (issue — Rose Mary and Gordon).

Arthur Burton was born 6 April 1890 and died 21 January 1956. He married Flora Lomax, born 27 March 1888, died 31 May 1960. Issue: Mary Alice, married Byron Nalls.

Carrie (Pauline) was born in March 1892. She married first –?– Boone and second Thomas Countryman (not Thomas Alva, son of George W.S.). She had a son who died young of a heart attack.

Minnie was born in October 1894 and married Zollie Cox. Issue: Oscar Boyd, Syble married Cowling, Talmadge.

Bertha was born in September 1884.

by Maxine Holland

COUNTRYMAN, WILLIAM S. & MARY (LANE)

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William, of Benjamin.

William S. Countryman was born on September 25, 1825, in Stoneridge, New York. His father's name was Benjamin and his mother's name was Mary. About the year 1850 he married Mary J. Lane. Mary was born in 1832 in Shandaken, New York. They had seven children and in the year 1893 Mary J. Countryman died and was buried in the Pine Bush Cemetery in Stoneridge, New York. William S. Countryman died the 13th of November, 1916, in Alsen, New York, and was buried in the same cemetery as his wife.

William and Mary's first child was a son named Charles F., born in 1853. He died in 1928 and was buried in Fairview Cemetery in Stoneridge, New York. In 1857 another son, Peter Alto, was born. He later married Samantha Markle and they had 12 children. Peter died in 1920 in Stoneridge, New York.

In the year 1860 another son was born to William and Mary, named George F. He later married Laura Ann Johnson and they had four children. George died in 1919 and is buried in Fairview Cemetery in Stoneridge, New York. A girl was born in 1864 to William and Mary, named Anna L.. She later married a man by the name of Dickerson. In 1866 William and Mary had another girl named Elvira Abigal, born in Rosendale, New York. Elvira married James Christiana and they had 11 children. Elvira died in 1930 in Alsen, New York. In 1877 William and Mary had a son named William F., born in Granite, New York. He later married Deliah Keator and had eight children.

In 1875 William and Mary had one more girl, named Sarah Ellen, born in High Falls, New York. In 1893 Sarah married George Myers Krom in Kingston, New York. They had three children. The first born was a boy, but he died before he was one. The next was a girl they named Addie Mae (my mother) and then a boy they named Lionel. Sarah died in 1963 and was buried in Lakeview Cemetery in Bridgeport, Connecticut. George died in Kingston, New York, in 1917 and is buried in Stoneridge, New York. Addie Mae married Abraham Cornelius Wood and had five children: James, Robert (me), Allan, Helen Mae, and Carol Ann. Lionel married Adele Plantersberg and they raised three children.

by Robert Wood

COUNTRYMAN, WINSTON URWIN

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Winston, of George C., of Abraham, of Henry.

Winston Urwin Countryman was born in Le Mars, Iowa, on January 11, 1903. His parents were George C. Countryman (see *Countryman Genealogy* , 1925 pg. 255) and Carrie (Smith) Countryman. He lived with his parents in Akron, Iowa, and Davenport, Washington. In 1913, the family moved to Everett, Washington. He graduated from Everett High School in 1920 and Washington State College, Pullman, Washington, in 1924 with a degree in agricultural engineering. He was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

After graduating from college, he was employed by a feed and seed firm. He later was part owner of a gasoline service station.

In 1930 he married Ruth Mabel Steele, whose parents were James Arthur and Anna Christina (Stinson) Steele. In 1933, they

Winston Urwin Countryman.

moved to Baker, Oregon. He drove a gasoline transport from Portland to Baker. A firey accident to the tanker brought an end to this business. They moved to Boise, Idaho. Win was a salesman employed by Walker Electric, selling radios, ranges and refrigerators and doing electrical repair work.

In 1939 he began his insurance career with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. In 1945 he became agency manager for Capitol Life. He joined Mutual of New York in 1954 and was with the company until he retired in 1979. He enjoyed his work and was successful. He was very sincere in his efforts to give his clients the best possible service.

Three sons were born of this marriage. Donald Winston was born August 22, 1931; James Richard was born February 9, 1936; and David Allan was born February 14, 1946.

Winston was active in Boy Scouts, Y.M.C.A., and a member of the Boise Jr. Chamber of Commerce, Life Underwriters Association, The Boise Exchange Club, a service organization. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

In 1941 Carrie Countryman died, and in 1943 George Countryman retired from teaching and came to live with the family. In 1948 they purchased a farm on Overland Road which is the family home. In 1973 the farm land was sold to a developer for a subdivision. The area now has hundreds of homes, a shopping center, banks, school, churches, and a branch post office.

Winston and Ruth have five grandchildren: Cari Jean, born May 26, 1960; Corey James, born May 14, 1963; Cathi Anne, born November 1, 1968; Michael David, born November 15, 1961; and Teresa Marie, born January 9, 1963.

Winston was in poor health since 1979 and was a resident in a nursing home before he died in January 1986.

by Mrs. Winston Countryman

CROCKER, CLARKE & ELIZABETH ANN (COUNTRYMAN)

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Elizabeth, of Adair, of Ardell, of Cleveland, of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Elizabeth Ann Countryman was born August 8, 1960, to Adair and Ruth Countryman of Pierson, Iowa. Elizabeth is the oldest of four girls, Julie, Janet, and Linda. She graduated from Kingsley-Pierson High School in May 1978. While in high school she was active in band, chorus, FTA, tutoring, and Home Ec. Club. She is a Past Worthy Advisor for Kingsley Assembly and is a Past Grand Executive Member of the Order of Rainbow for Girls in Iowa.

Elizabeth attended Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, and graduated in May 1982 with a B.A. degree. She majored in elementary education and minored in music and is certified to teach elementary education and elementary music.

That fall she moved to Dallas, Texas, where she spent the next three years working. In the fall of 1985 Elizabeth moved back to Iowa. She got a job at SIMPCO in Sioux City where she is presently working.

On April 5, 1986, she married Clarke Crocker of Washta, Iowa. After a honeymoon to Hawaii, they settled down in their home near Washta where Clarke is engaged in farming.

Wedding picture of Elizabeth Countryman and Clarke Crocker — April 5, 1986.

by Elizabeth Ann Crocker

CUNTERMAN, CONRADT III

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Conradt III, of Conradt II, of Conradt I, of John Frederick.

Conradt III Cunterman, son of Conradt II and brother of John Adam changed name to Countryman. On February 9, 1790, Conradt III wed Catherine Miller. Their family was as follows: (1) Sarah, wed M. Snyder; (2) Conrad, born September 18, 1797, wed Peggy (Margaret) Kill; (3) Peter, born August 6, 1802; (4) Elizabeth Catherine, born September 9, 1805, wed Jacob Countryman, her first cousin, son of John Adam; (5) Henry (This is Grace Barth's line.); (6) John; (7) Nancy, wed Mr. Young.

I have been given a hint from third cousin Grace Barth to search for my Jacob and Elizabeth in the Blackhawk County, Iowa, records. So if this book goes to press before I locate them, it will be understood that we are trying to add them to this story.

by Donald P. Countryman

CURRENT — LECHTENBERG

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Cheryl Current and Robert Lechtenberg.

Cheryl, of Janet (Countryman), of Clare A., of Floyd M., of James A., of Daniel, of John I, of John, of Conradt I.

Cheryl Lynn Current is the daughter of Janet Countryman and Robert Lee Current. She was born February 1, 1963, in Maquoketa, Iowa. Cheryl attended the Maquoketa schools and graduated from the Maquoketa

Senior High in May of 1981. Cheryl was active in girls 4-H and competed regularly at the Jackson County Fair, Maquoketa. She won numerous blue ribbons with her entries. Cheryl held a part-time job during her high school years.

Cheryl entered the University of Iowa at Iowa City, Iowa, in September of 1981, graduating from there in May 1985 with a Bachelor of Science in speech and hearing. She entered the Florida State University graduate program at Tallahassee, Florida, in August 1985 and completed her master's program in August 1986. Cheryl's internship is at Shands Hospital, Gainsville, Florida, and she will graduate in December 1986 with a master's degree in speech and hearing.

Cheryl was married on August 16, 1986, to Robert James Lechtenberg, the son of Dr. and Mrs. J.A. Lechtenberg of Maquoketa, Iowa, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Maquoketa.

by Janet (Countryman) Current

CURRENT — MAREK

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Dewey Marek, Latham Marek, and Chris Marek, 1 December 1984.

Christine, of Janet (Countryman), of Clare A., of Floyd M., of James A., of Daniel, of John I, of John, of Conradt I.

Christine Elizabeth Current is the daughter of Janet Countryman and Bob Current. She was born in Maquoketa, Iowa, August 22, 1955. Chris attended the schools of Maquoketa and graduated from Maquoketa Senior High in May 1973. Chris attended the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, for one year.

During that year, Chris became best friends with Karen Nessen, daughter of Ron Nessen, White House Press Secretary to President Gerald Ford. Karen and Chris drove to Des Moines, Iowa, when President Ford was making a special noon stopover to speak at the Iowa State House. During his visit, the two girls met and were photographed with President Ford, Iowa's Governor Robert Ray, and Karen's father, Ron Nessen, on the steps of the Iowa State House. They also traveled in the presidential caravan with Ron to the noon luncheon site and on to the Des Moines airport, where they were given a tour of the presidential airplane. Karen and Chris also spent the Christmas holidays with Karen's parents at Vail, Colorado, during the Ford's family Christmas holiday in 1974.

Since leaving college, Chris has been employed as a receptionist or as an office manager here in Maquoketa. She was always interested in horses and worked as a groom for harness racing horses at various training tracks at Elgin, Peoria, and Moline, Illinois, and near Deland, Florida.

Chris married Durward Wencley Marek, son of Helen Kuhlavy and Dr. D.P. Marek, veterinarian of Maquoketa, on June 13, 1981, in an outdoor wedding held at the Bellevue, Iowa, State Park. Dewey was born December 23, 1951, in Maquoketa, Iowa. Dewey always has had a deep love of animals, especially horses. Over the years, he has worked as a groom for harness horses, as a trainer, and is now a driver certified by the United States Trotting Association. Dewey is now self employed and operates the Marek Racing Stable at Maquoketa and drives these horses at Moline and Chicago, Illinois, race tracks.

Chris and Dewey have a son, Latham Colter, who was born April 22, 1983, in Maquoketa, Iowa.

by Janet (Countryman) Current

CURRENT, AUDREY KAY

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Audrey Kay Current.

Audrey, of Janet (Countryman), of Clare A., of Floyd M., of James A., of Daniel, of John I, of John, of Conradt I.

Audrey Kay Current is the daughter of Janet Countryman and Bob Current. She was born in Maquoketa, Iowa, March 28, 1959. Audrey attended the schools of Maquoketa and graduated from Maquoketa High School in May 1977. She worked part time during her high school years and was active in the city softball league. Audrey was a member of 4-H, as was her sister Chris. She exhibited at the Jackson County Fair and won many blue ribbons. Audrey was a regular contestant in the style show in which the individual would construct and model the garment. She was an alternate to the Iowa State Fair style show, and won many blue ribbons. In 1976 Audrey exhibited a hand knit afghan at the Iowa State Fair and won a blue ribbon.

Audrey is engaged to Kevin Short, the son of Miriam Dutton and Roger Short of Iron Hill, Iowa. No date for the wedding has been set. Since Audrey's graduation, she has been employed as a seamstress and is now working at the Clinton Garment Factory in Clinton, Iowa. She is living at Maquoketa, Iowa.

by Janet (Countryman) Current

CURRENT, JANET (COUNTRYMAN)

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Bob and Janet (Countryman) Current.

Janet, of Clare A., of Floyd M., of James A., of Daniel, of John I, of John, of Conradt I.

Janet Marie Countryman was born February 17, 1934, at DeKalb, Illinois. She is the daughter of Elizabeth Margaret Delaney and Clare Alonzo Countryman. Janet and her family lived in DeKalb until March 1944 when they moved to Clare, Illinois, some ten miles northwest of DeKalb. Elizabeth, Janet's mother, died February 1, 1946, following an illness of high blood pressure which caused strokes and many heart attacks over a ten-month period. Janet still remembers all the many kindnesses that members of the Countryman family did to help fill the loss of her mother. Janet became a member of both girls and boys 4-H clubs. Through the girls' program, she was able to continue learning the skills that Elizabeth had begun to teach her.

Starting in 1946 Janet, with the help of her father, Clare, entered her Countryman breed shorthorn steers at various 4-H competitions — DeKalb County Fair at Sandwich, the DeKalb County 4-H Club Show at DeKalb, the International Livestock Show at Chicago, all in Illinois, and the American Livestock Royal at Kansas City, Kansas. During the years 1946 to 1951, these steers were winners of numerous blue ribbons and championships.

In March of 1951, during Janet's junior year at DeKalb High School, the family moved near Delmar, Iowa, and she attended Elwood High School, graduating in May 1952. Janet attended Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, in the fall of 1952. Clare, Louise, and Karen moved in September of 1953 and Janet remained. Janet married Bob Current December 4, 1954, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Maquoketa, Iowa. They are the parents of six children: Christine Elizabeth, Robert Bruce (always known as Bruce), Michael Clare, Audrey Kay, Mitchell Alan, and Cheryl Lynn.

In 1976 Janet was an organizing member of the Jackson County Genealogical Chapter of Maquoketa, Iowa. She has held various offices and at the present time is a researcher for those inquiring in search of their Jackson County ancestors. Several years later, Janet joined the Lawrence Van Hook Chapter of the DAR under the lineage of John Countryman. At the present time she is a member and officer of both the Jackson County Cardiac Support Group and Catholic Daughters, a member of Sacred Heart Church and of the church choir, and a member of Palatines of America.

by Janet (Countryman) Current

CURRENT, MICHAEL CLARE

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Left to right: Timmy, Mike, Lisa, and Jennifer Current.

Michael, of Janet (Countryman), of Clare, of Floyd M., of James A., of Daniel, of John I, of John, of Conradt I.

Michael Clare Current is the son of Janet Countryman and Bob Current. He was born in Maquoketa, Iowa, on April 1, 1958. Mike attended the schools of Maquoketa and graduated from Maquoketa High School in May 1976. At an early age, Mike closely watched his father, Bob, as he worked as a mechanic in his home garage. By the age of 12 years, Mike could be relied upon for the specialized engine mechanics that Bob needed while stock car racing for a hobby.

In the mid seventies, his brother Bruce began stock car racing and Mike became the "engine man." Later, when his younger brother, Mitch, also started racing, Mike helped Mitch with his motors, too. During the 1986 season, Mike was kept especially busy, as the street stock class that Bruce was competing in has an engine sell rule. On five different occasions, Bruce sold the motor from his car before leaving the track following the races. Mike worked many extra nights to keep engines ahead for his successful brother, Bruce.

Mike had worked in the Maquoketa area doing mechanical related jobs since his high school graduation, and has been working at Charlotte, Iowa, for about seven years for the Stocker Oil Company.

Mike married Lisa Kay McGranahan, the daughter of Margaret Catherine Riley and Harley Robert McGranahan of Darlington, Wisconsin, at the Little Brown Church at Nashua, Iowa, May 17, 1980. Their son, Timothy Michael, was born October 2, 1980, in Dubuque, Iowa. Their daughter, Jennifer Margaret, was born October 26, 1983, in Dubuque, Iowa. On July 6, 1986, Timmy and Jennifer were baptised, Lisa was baptised and confirmed, and Mike and Lisa had their renewed wedding vows blessed by Father Tom Rhomberg, pastor of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Maquoketa. Timmy entered kindergarten at the Sacred Heart Catholic School, Maquoketa, in September 1986. They live in Maquoketa, Iowa.

by Janet (Countryman) Current

CURRENT, MITCHELL ALAN

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Mitch and Patty (Deppe) Current with Crystal Lee Michel.

Mitchell, of Janet (Countryman), of Clare A., of Floyd M., of James A., of Daniel, of John I, of John, of Conradt I.

Mitchell Alan Current is the son of Janet Countryman and Bob Current. He was born in Maquoketa, Iowa, October 12, 1961. Mitch attended the schools of Maquoketa and graduated from Maquoketa Senior High in May 1981.

During his teen years, Mitch was most interested in auto body repair and stock car racing. At the age of 14 years, while Mitch was helping as a mechanic for a friend, he was given the opportunity to drive in a stock car mechanic race. During the summer of his junior year of high school, Mitch bought his first stock car and began to race at a local race track in Maquoketa in the street stock competition. Since that time he has competed regularly at area race tracks. In 1985 Mitch was the Tipton International Street Stock Point and Season Champion while driving a 1956 two-door Chevy.

After graduating, Mitch became self employed in the auto body business until the spring of 1986. He then moved to Norcross, Georgia, where he is employed by Fact O Bake as a specialist in auto body repair.

Mitchell was married on August 30, 1986, to Patricia JoAnn Deppe, the daughter of Gladys Michel and Kermit Deppe of Springbrook, Iowa, at St. Peters & Pauls Catholic Church at Springbrook. Patty was born May 28, 1956, in Jackson County, Iowa. She is the mother of Crystal Lee Michel, who was born March 31, 1982, in Dubuque, Iowa. Patty is currently employed with Temps and Company of Atlanta, Georgia. Mitch, Patty, and Crystal are making their home in Norcross, Georgia.

by Janet (Countryman) Current

CURRENT, ROBERT BRUCE

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Robert Bruce Current, born 17 January 1957.

Bruce, of Janet (Countryman), of Clare A., of Floyd M., of James A., of Daniel, of John I, of John, of Conradt I.

Robert Bruce is the son of Janet Countryman and Bob Current. He was born in Maquoketa, Iowa, January 17, 1957. Bruce

attended the schools of Maquoketa and graduated from Maquoketa High School in May 1975. Bruce helped his father, Bob, as a mechanic with his dad's stock car, although he was too young to be allowed into the pits on race nights. During his high school years, he worked part time as a motorcycle mechanic.

His interests in racing began very early with racing minibikes, motorcycles, and snowmobiles. He also became a mechanic as a result of these widely different types of racing. During the 1975 stock car racing, Bruce built his own street stock car and has been racing regularly since that time. Completing the 1986 season, Bruce has won over 23 features events at area race tracks, and is the 1986 All Iowa Street Stock Car Point Leader.

Bruce is now employed by Burnett-Theil Ford dealership as a mechanic and has been employed at various mechanic related jobs in the Maquoketa area. He is single and is presently housesitting for a friend who has relocated. He is also able to locate his stock car and other items of his collection at the same address near Maquoketa, Iowa.

by Janet (Countryman) Current

CURRENT, ROBERT LEE

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Front row left to right: Bob Current, Dewey Marek holding Latham Marek, Bruce Current, Mike Current holding Jennifer Current, with Timmy Current standing behind him. Back row left to right: Audrey Current, Janet Current, Chris Marek, Robert and Cheryl Lechtenberg, Daisy Otto, and Lisa Current.

Robert, husband of Janet, of Clare A., of Floyd M., of James A., of Daniel, of John I, of John, of Conradt I.

Robert Lee Current is the son of Daisy Pauline Wray of Delmar, Iowa, and James Bruce Current of Maquoketa, Iowa, who were married December 6, 1930. Bob was born in Maquoketa, Iowa, on January 7, 1935. He is a direct descendant of William Current, Sr., and Ester Lemon of Sussex County, New Jersey, who relocated in Welland, Canada, about 1800. The family legend tells that a William Current left Ireland about 1745 with his family at the age of 12 years on the ship *Congower* and landed in New Jersey, and that he was the only member of the family to survive the voyage to America. William was raised by Elisha Barton.

On December 7, 1837, there was a rebellion near Toronto, Canada, and three of the Current brothers helped the rebellion organizer, William MacKenzie, to escape. These three brothers and several others with one horse walked 1500 miles to Savanna, Illinois, then crossed the Mississippi River in a flat-bottom boat with the worn out horse standing in the middle. They arrived in Jackson County, Iowa, about June 13, 1838. These Currents were among the earliest settlers of Jackson County, Iowa, and have been certified by the Iowa State Historical Society as "Iowa Pioneers," having arrived prior to 1855.

Bob attended the schools of Maquoketa and graduated in May 1954. During Bob's high school years he lettered in football all four years. His interests were always related to auto mechanics, and he held two part-time jobs after school. After graduation, Bob opened his own repair shop and has continued to be self employed since that time. Until 1965 Bob also worked full time for Clinton Engines Corporation of Maquoketa. He raced stock cars as a hobby until about 1972 with his sons Bruce and Mike helping him.

Bob married Janet Countryman, the daughter of Elizabeth Delaney and Clare Countryman, on December 4, 1954, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Maquoketa. They have six children, all born in Maquoketa: Christine Elizabeth, born August 22, 1955; Robert Bruce, born January 17, 1957; Michael Clare, born April 1, 1958; Audrey Kay, born March 28, 1959; Mitchell Alan, born October 12, 1961; and Cheryl Lynn, born February 1, 1963.

In July 1957 Bob and Janet bought their home, which is situated on one acre of land one-half mile south of Maquoketa. Bob built a garage so that he could operate his auto repair business there.

by Janet (Countryman) Current

DAVIDSON, DORIS (COUNTRYMAN)

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Doris, of Lawrence, of Dennis, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

I am the fifth child born into the Lawrence O. Countryman, Sr., family May 23, 1912, at Webster, South Dakota. I lived on a farm with my parents and attended country school for a year. Dad sold our farm in 1918 and we moved to Ipswich, South Dakota, and lived in town for a year. Then Dad bought a farm two miles south of Ipswich and it was here that I went through grade and high school.

Our growing up days were filled with all kinds of experiences. I remember one that I had. Dad had a runt pig that he thought would not make it, and he said I could have it for 15¢. I got the 15¢ and became its owner. Mother helped me and we really doctored that pig. It got the same treatment that Dad's show pigs got, and became a real pet. I have a motive for telling you this experience because during my high school days, I was thinking more and more of becoming a nurse. It was necessary to have a watch in the last year of training. Dad and my brother Dennis took my pet sow to Aberdeen and sold her for me and with the money bought me a nice Elgin watch. Just think, it only cost me 15¢!

I graduated in May of 1930 and entered nurses training at Peabody Hospital School of Nursing at Webster, South Dakota. that same year. I graduated from the three-year course in 1933. I did nursing in the Ipswich area. While there I attended the Wesleyan Methodist Church and felt called to be a missionary nurse in Africa.

I applied to the Congo Island Mission Board in Chicago, Illinois, and was accepted in 1935. I was soon on my way to the Belgian Congo with another missionary who had been home on furlough. I was stationed at Mukedi, in Belgian Congo, West Central Africa. Belgian Congo is now known as Zaire. Enroute, I was informed that the doctor at Mukedi had become ill and had to return to the United States. This left me with the responsibility of learning the language and also directing the care of all the patients. With the help of Erma Birky and male nurses and native women, we were able to care for the sick patients.

All foreigners were required to take quinine every day because of malaria. We learned of a new medication called atribine. We started taking the latter, and whether I was allergic to the quinine or both I don't know, but I became deathly ill and had to be sent home to the States. This was the spring of 1937. Since my folks had moved to Yakima, Washington, I went there to rest up for a while before continuing general duty nursing and specializing.

In the fall of 1942, September 12th, I was accepted into the Army Nurses Corp. at Ft. George Wright, Spokane, Washington. I was there two years and then transferred to Ft. Thomas, Kentucky. I was there until the end of World War II.

I had been in Bible School a year and a half prior to entering service and went back and finished the three-year course on the G.I. Bill of Rights in Portland, Oregon. After graduating, I returned to Yakima to do office work for several doctors.

My niece had written me that she had a friend that they wanted me to meet. I took a few days' vacation to visit my niece, Georgia, and her husband, Don, in La Grande, Oregon. I arrived in La Grande on New Years Eve. Georgia and Don had quite a time arranging this meeting with their friend, but finally had Lloyd Davidson at their home for lunch and the mission was accomplished. The result was, we were engaged the 3rd of January 1959 and Lloyd and I were married June 14, 1959. Both of us had prayed that if we didn't meet anyone in 1959, we would just forget about it. Lloyd had claimed a verse in Jer. 33:3 and that was the same verse I had taken for the year.

We have been married over 26 years and have spent a happy life together. After several small strokes and being hospitalized for the flu, he has been in a nursing home. At present, in order to be close to his doctor, he is now at the Elzora Manor Nursing Home in Milton-Freewater, Oregon. His doctor has diagnosed his case as leukemia.

I bring Lloyd home to our apartment as often as I can. He is able to be up and around with the use of a walker. This has been real hard on both of us, but the Lord is giving us strength and grace to cope with his illness. We don't know what the future holds for us

from day to day, *but we know who holds the future.*

by Doris (Countryman) Davidson

de LANEY, MAY MARIE (COUNTRYMAN)

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May Marie, of Clifford Samuel, of Joseph, of Eli, of Peter, of Conrad II, of Jacob, of Conrad I, of Johann Fredrick.

May Marie (Countryman) de Laney, daughter of Clifford Samuel and Ardath LuFay (Ballein) Countryman, was born April 30, 1920, in Oroville, California. Their first daughter, Ardath Fay, was born January 6, 1918. She passed away at the age of three months on April 9, 1918.

My mother and father separated when I was five years old. For the next few years, Mother and I lived wherever she could find work. We lived in Oakland, California, for three years while Mother worked in the laundry to keep the wolf from the door and clothes on our backs. 1930 found us back home in Oroville where I continued my education.

My mother married Samuel Otis Edwards on April 9, 1933. She worked in the cannery (Stokely's) in the summertime and the olive mill in the winter. Times were still tough for us, and it took everything my stepfather made to feed and clothe us and to keep a roof over our heads. He was a good father and a wonderful grandfather to my children. They were very happy until his death on April 2, 1969. Mother recently passed away on August 16, 1985.

In May 1937 I met my future husband, Warren Clayton de Laney, the oldest son of Everette Marshall and Elsie Lee (Butin) de Laney. He was born March 23, 1914, in San Francisco, California. They soon moved to Penn Grove, California, a small farming community between Petaluma and Santa Rosa. I should say chicken ranches, as back then all of that area was almost all chicken ranches. This area became known as the "egg basket of the world."

Over the next 22 years there were six other children born to Elsie and Everett. In order of their births they are: Lilas, June 3, 1915; Howard, May 27, 1917; Edward, July 19, 1924; Viola, June 22, 1927; John, June 21, 1934; and Wanda Lee, July 2, 1936. Elsie passed away on October 5, 1965, and Everett on June 15, 1968. John died of cancer on September 5, 1978. Wanda died of cancer on May 16, 1985.

Warren and I were married on June 16, 1937. Because I was not 18, my mother went with us to Carson City, Nevada. Over the next ten years we had four children, two boys and two girls.

Warren, Jr., was born September 17, 1939, in Fort Bragg, California. He was in the navy for six years and the merchant marines for two years. He then graduated with a B.A. While in college he met an old high school chum, Linda Leigh Turner. She was divorced with three children. After a brief courtship, they were married in Reno, Nevada, in November 1972. They had a girl, Virginia Lynn, born August 14, 1974. He and his family now reside in Vacaville, California.

Our first daughter, Ardath Marie, was born August 13, 1941, in Mendocina, California. In 1958 she married Doug Welton. A short time later it was annulled. She had a daughter, Tami Lee, born April 8, 1959, in Marysville, California. In 1961 she married John Martin in Reno, Nevada. They had four children: Lori Lynn, July 10, 1962; Linda Marie, July 31, 1963; John Andrew, September 15, 1964; and Teri Ann, January 3, 1966. They were all born in Sacramento, California, at Mercy Hospital. This marriage also ended in divorce. She married a third time to Alan Reyes. A son was born to them on December 6, 1970. On March 6, 1971, "Tad" died of sudden death syndrome. This marriage eventually dissolved and Ardy now works for an oil company and lives in Rio Vista, California.

Tami married David Allred in the L.D.S. Oakland Temple on October 2, 1983. They have one son, Johnathon, born October 9, 1984, and are expecting their second child in May of 1986. They live in Gilbert, Arizona. David works for Price-Waterhouse as an accountant in Phoenix, Arizona.

Lori Martin married William Windham on March 30, 1985. They have a son, William, Jr., who was born in Sacramento, California, on August 29, 1985. They own an auto repair shop in the Sacramento area, and Lori is a secretary for an attorney.

Linda Martin married John Childers on January 5, 1982, in Reno, Nevada. They have two children, Jillian Marie, born December 9, 1980, and John, Jr., born May 26, 1982. John is in the navy and Linda lives and works in Fairfield, California.

John Martin is single. He works for an oil company in Dixon, California, and lives in Rio Vista. Teri Martin is also single. She lives and works in Rio Vista, California.

Our third child, Kenneth James, was born in Napa, California, on December 15, 1944. He was also in the navy. On August 28, 1965, he married Jeanette Leytem in San Francisco. They have four children: Sheryl Lynn, September 5, 1968, will graduate in June 1986; Melissa Marie, May 27, 1973, Daly City, California; Jason, May 9, 1976, Daly City; and Jacob, September 28, 1978, San Francisco. Ken drives for Captiol Coors in Sacramento and Jan works for Pacific Bell. They live in North Highlands, California.

Our last child, Sandra Lee, was born on September 3, 1947, in Oroville, California. She married Frank Cortijo on August 24, 1963, in Carson City, Nevada. They also had four children: Charles Taylor, January 25, 1964, Rantoul, Illinois; Niki Lee, January 20, 1966, Fairfield, California; Stormi Gayle, October 3, 1968, Tacoma, Washington; and Brandon Dean, November 13, 1970, Tacoma. Frank was in the Air Force; therefore, they traveled a lot. They lived in Spain for three years. They divorced in 1978. Sandi is a cosmetologist and works in Fairfield.

Chuck Cortijo has a daughter, Amanda Vanessa Sue. She was born on May 3, 1982, in Fairfield. Niki Cortijo had a girl born February 11, 1986, at Travis Air Force Base. Her name is Krista Lee Tobin. Stormi Cortijo will also graduate in June 1986. Her plans are to then join the Air Force. Brandon Cortijo is a sophomore at Armijo High School.

Warren retired from the city of Fairfield where he worked for 15 years as their top maintenance man. I lost my husband, Warren, in November of 1986. We had been married 49½ years and were looking forward to celebrating our Golden Wedding. We celebrated our 49th wedding anniversary in June 1986. This concludes a little of the history from the Countrymans in northern California.

by May Marie (Countryman) de Laney

DeLANEY, ELIZABETH

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Left to right: Millard, Elizabeth, Janet, and Clare Countryman. Last family photo, 1944.

Elizabeth, wife of Clare, of Floyd, of Daniel, of John I, of John, of Conradt I.

Elizabeth DeLaney, the youngest daughter of Agnes Burke and Michael William DeLaney, was born June 02, 1907. Her sister, Marie, was born January 31, 1897. Marie studied nursing and became a Sister of Mercy, Chicago, Illinois. Marie died September 15, in Chicago, and is buried at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, Worth, Illinois. Her brother, Francis Herbert, was born June 30, 1898. He never married and remained in the Rochelle area until his death January 17, 1973. They were all born at Rochelle. Her mother, Agnes Burke, was born November 09, 1872, at Rockford, Illinois, the daughter of Mary Regan of Tipperary, Ireland, and John Burke of Ballingarry near Nennah, Ireland. Her father, Michael William DeLaney, was the son of Margaret Doyle of Ireland and William DeLaney of West Meath, Ireland. The grandparents, parents, and brother are all buried in St. Patricks Cemetery, Rochelle, Illinois.

Elizabeth was a musically gifted child. She played the background music for the silent movies at the local movie house. Her piano playing continued to give her pleasure throughout her life. On the evening of April 04, 1923, Elizabeth packed a suitcase and lowered it out the bedroom window by rope. Clare waited and took the suitcase, but forgot the rope. On the morning of April 05, 16-year-old Elizabeth left for high school as usual, but Clare picked her up on the way. As they neared the edge of town, they remembered the rope and returned to get it, lest someone realize their plans. They traveled by car to Sycamore, where the ceremony was held, continued by train to Chicago, and then

phoned home to announce that they were married. Later, they renewed their vows in the St. Patricks Church, Rochelle, Illinois.

Elizabeth and Clare had two children. Millard Floyd was born May 06, 1926, at Rochelle, while Janet Marie was born February 17, 1934, at DeKalb, where they lived. Late in the 1930s, Elizabeth worked in a gift shop , and during World War II she worked during the summer months at the California Packing Corporation. Elizabeth cared for her family, established a host of friends, was active in a number of clubs and a member of the Catholic church.

Elizabeth had been in poor health some eight months before her death February 1, 1946, in St. Mary's Hospital at DeKalb. Her remains were taken to the Dee Funeral Home at Rochelle, Illinois. The funeral service was held in St. Patrick's Church February 04, with her burial in St. Patricks Cemetery, Rochelle, with her family.

by Janet (Countryman) Current

DEW, SOPHIA (COUNTRYMAN)

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Sophia, of Joseph, Jr., of Joseph.

Sophia Countryman married George Dew, Sr., in 1899 in Plainfield, Illinois. They were the parents of three children: George, Jr., born April 7, 1900; Charles, born in 1902; and Edna, born in 1910, all in Plainfield.

George, Jr., married Hazel Todd in 1933. They were the parents of nine children. Georgia Ann Dew, born February 23, 1934, married John Byrd in 1953. They are the parents of four daughters. Georgia and John now live in Oklahoma.

Robert Alvin Dew, born May 6, 1937, married Ruth Ann Finley, who was born September 1, 1937. They are the parents of five children. They now live in Plainfield, Illinois.

Louise S. Dew, born August 6, 1940, married James McDaniel in 1960. They are the parents of five children. They live in Plainfield.

James M. Dew, born February 22, 1942, married Linda Lou Lowe, born January 30, 1943. They are the parents of two children.

Kent L. Dew, born October 30, 1943, married Phyllis Lacey, born December 27, 1943. They are the parents of two children.

William L. Dew, born November 15, 1945, married Wendy Likes, born February 6, 1943. They have no children.

Marilyn Jane Dew, born December 21, 1952, married Allen Beckendorf. They have three children.

Beverly Jean Dew, born February 18, 1954, married Jerrod Dell, and they now live in Morris, Illinois. They have no children.

Nancy Lee Dew, born June 2, 1956, is single and now lives with her mother in Plainfield, Illinois.

by Robert A. Dew

DeWOLF, ADELINE CLARISSA

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Adeline Clarissa (DeWolf) Hartung Johnson

Adeline, of Sarah (Zimmermann), of Clarissa (Countryman), of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Adeline (Addie) Clarissa DeWolf was born 20 September 1901 in Waterloo Precinct, Linn County, Oregon, near Salem, to Manning DeWolf and his second wife, Sarah O. Zimmermann.

When she was about two years of age her family moved back to Wisconsin where she grew up on a farm near Melrose, in Irving Township, Jackson County.

To Adeline and her first husband, George R. Hartung, were born two children, Lorraine and Raymond, in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.

Raymond was born 24 December 1926. He and Mickala were married in Minneapolis.

Lorraine was born 14 April 1928. She and her husband, Vern Johnson, resided in Anoka, Anoka County, Minnesota, and had one daughter. When the daughter was nine years old, she and her mother were killed in an automobile accident (about 1964).

Addie was married a second time to Melvin Johnson (no relation to Vern Johnson) and continued to live in Minneapolis. Addie died before 1976 and is buried in Minneapolis.

by Lorraine Weick

DeWOLF, JOHN & MARY GRACE (DeLONGE)

F306

John, of Sarah (Zimmermann), of Clarissa (Countryman), of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

John Arthur DeWolf was born 9 February 1903 to Manning DeWolf and Sarah O. Zimmermann. He was born near Salem, Oregon, where his parents resided on a farm before their return to Wisconsin when John was 18 months old.

In Wisconsin they resided in Irving Township, Jackson County, on a farm. John Arthur grew up and remained on this farm until his death. He attended the Roaring Creek School, and was a farmer and beekeeper most of his adult life.

On 9 February 1928, John's 25th birthday, he was united in marriage to Mary Grace DeLonge, also of Irving Township, by the Reverend William M. Braun, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Black River Falls, Jackson County. Mary Grace was born on 13 September 1908 in Black River Falls to John and Helga (Severson) DeLonge. Seven children were born to them.

(1) Richard John, born 12 November 1928 in Irving Township, married Dolores Mason. They reside in Dallas, Texas, and have five girls.

(2) Rosella, born 24 November 1929, married Tilman Tollefson in October 1949. They reside in Melrose, Jackson County, Wisconsin, and have seven children.

(3) Arthur Eugene, born 17 April 1931 in Irving Township, married Doloris. They reside in Fairbault, Rice County, Minnesota, and have six children.

(4) Theresa May, born 13 April 1940 in North Bend, Jackson County, suffered a bowel obstruction and peritonitis which took her life on 29 December 1951 at the Krohn Clinic in Black River Falls. She was buried at 11 years of age in St. Malachy's Catholic Church Cemetery in Irving Township.

(5) Elizabeth Ann (Betty), born 11 January 1942 in Black River Falls, is married to Warren Bakke and they reside in Minnesota.

(6) Carol Jean, born 19 May 1947 in Black River Falls, married Donald Stenuleon on 5 December 1957. They reside in Black River Falls and have one son, Greg, born 29 August 1964.

(7) James Francis was stillborn 11 November 1950 in Black River Falls and is buried at Roaring Creek Catholic Cemetery, Irving Township.

John Arthur died at 73 years of age on 16 May 1976 at Black River Falls Hospital. He suffered from uremia and cancer. Services were held from the Charles Buswell Funeral Home and from St. Joseph Catholic Church in Black River Falls. The pallbearers were Basil Tollefson, Charles Tollefson, Brian Tollefson, Michael DeWolf, John DeWolf, and Scott DeWolf. Burial was also at St. Malachy's Cemetery, beside his daughter Theresa. At that time (1976) there were 19 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. (*The Banner Journal* , 5–19–1976)

Mary Grace resides in Brockway, near Black River Falls.

by Lorraine Weick

DeWOLF, ROBERT & MABEL (HARTUNG)

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Robert and Mabel DeWolf of Minneapolis, Minnesota, taken about 1968. Robert is the grandson of Gottlieb and Clarissa Lucinda (Countryman) Peters Zimmermann.

Robert, of Sarah (Zimmermann), of Clarissa (Countryman), of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

The youngest son of Manning DeWolf and Sarah O. Zimmermann is Robert Edward DeWolf. Robert was born in Irving Township, Jackson County, Wisconsin, on 6 February 1913. He was married 3 August 1940 to Mabel Eleanor Hartung, born 19 January 1912 to Charles and Winnefred Jessie Hartung. They are of the Lutheran faith and reside in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. Their two sons, Bruce Robert and Allan Lawrence, were both born in Minneapolis.

Bruce Robert was born 9 February 1943. He married Dianne Mildred Johnson, born 12 March 1944 in Minneapolis to Robert Johnson (deceased) and his wife Lucille Plocher. Dianne is a hairdresser, and Bruce, who served overseas in the military for two years, works for General Motors. They reside in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, and are of the Lutheran faith. Their children are Deanna, born 25 August 1966; Karen, born 28 June 1969; and Christopher, born 17 June 1973.

Allan Lawrence was born 13 December 1948, and is a school teacher in Bloomington, Minnesota. He served in the Marines. His wife, Kristin, is the daughter of Rev. John Parbst. She was born 16 June 1947. They and their two sons, Joshua, born 25 July 1977, and Jared, born 15 May 1981, also attend the Lutheran church.

by Lorraine Weick

DORR, DOROTHY (COUNTRYMAN)

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Dorothy, of Marcellus L., of Peter Fort, of Daniel.

As mentioned briefly on page 337 of the 1925 *Countryman Genealogy* , Dorothy May was the first offspring of Marcellus L. and Cora May (Simmons) Countryman, born February 6, 1891, in St. Paul, Minnesota. She graduated from Central High School in St. Paul with the second highest scholastic average in the class, and would have liked to have gone to college, but her father thought there was no need for a girl to have a college education. Probably motivated to some extent by a desire to escape from a stern and domineering father, she married at the age of 20 into a socially prominent Philadelphia family. (I did not know about this early marriage until I was about 20. Even then, my mother could not talk about the experience, but asked my father to tell me.) She returned to St. Paul after about a year, but left again in the spring of 1913 to tour Europe and the British Isles with the family of her ex-husband.

Dorothy C. Dorr, Los Angeles, April 16, 1942.

Her mother's family was quite musical, and Dorothy played the piano and sang quite well when she was young. When I knew her, she had completely given up her musical activities. I don't know why. Perhaps she thought one musician in the family was enough. She was also very good at needlework. In 1915 she showed 11 articles at the state fair and came home with five first prizes, two seconds, one third, and $16 cash. At the age of 25 she had already renounced religion. After attending a church service, she wrote to her friend, "I do so love the poetry, the beauty of the Episcopal and Catholic churches, but I can't swallow the creeds. Of course it makes no difference in my enjoyment of the service, but I suppose it makes me forever an intruder, or at least an outsider."

In 1917 her father agreed that she should have some further education, and allowed her to go to New York to study interior decoration. In 1918 she wrote from New York that she had spent some time with William Ripley Dorr, who was traveling with the Paulist Choristers of Chicago as their organist. Ripley had also grown up in St. Paul, and they had known each other as children. "Ripley and I had some beautiful times together," she wrote to her friend. "We are very congenial, both being music-mad."

Dorothy and Ripley were married in May 1919 and settled in LaGrange, Illinois. I was born in March 1921. In 1923 the family moved to Los Angeles, believing that they were on a temporary assignment for the Aeolian Organ Company. They liked California so well that they decided to stay on, and my father quit the Aeolian Company about three years later. They could have no more children, but they adopted a little sister for me. (I regret that I have no idea where my sister is now. I saw her last in 1942.)

In 1925 we moved to a new house in Palos Verdes Estates. The homes were few and far between in the early years of Palos Verdes, and my mother never learned to drive a car. For the last 15 years of her life, she took care of her home and her children, and had little to do with society. Not that she intentionally became a recluse, as she had a few very close friends, but she had little time to waste on activities that she considered frivolous. The pursuit of beauty had become her religion, and the writing of poetry, her means of self-expression. She worshipped beauty in nature, and thought the view from her home overlooking the Pacific was one of the most beautiful in all the world.

Although she did not try to perform, she loved music with an intensity that I have known in few other people. When she was young, she loved Chopin, Schubert, and Grieg, but in her later years she wanted something new and different. Debussy, Ravel, Delius, Sibelius, and Vaughan-Williams became her idols. While I learned about singing and keyboard-playing from my father, I learned more about music appreciation from my mother. She was an avid reader, and few college graduates could equal her fund of knowledge in literature, history, art, and music.

Some of her poetry was witty, but it was not, in general, up-beat and cheerful. Consequently, few of her works were published in her lifetime, although they were highly regarded by the members and critics of the Poetry Society. She typed and bound handmade books of her poems, along with volumes of stories from her own childhood, and one of stories about her mother's childhood. I have about 15 of these little books. Her last

BELOVED, WAKEN

Beloved, waken! We two must sleep
Eternities, a sleep too deep
For moons to hurt us. We shall not know
June has come then, roses blow,
Oleanders blossom white,
And jasmine flowers scent the night.
Others will lie then in our bed,
We being forgotten with all dead,
Others will hear the mocking-bird
At midnight, even as we have heard,
And stir, and find each other's kiss;
But we shall not waken even for this,
Being only dreamless mould
And cold, O warm beloved, cold.
Waken now! The ancient moon
Lifts her lantern on our June.

-Dorothy Countryman Dorr

MUSIC GOES WITH US

Always
Music goes with us,
Flooding the heart,
Leaping in the pulse
Slipping back like a tide through our veins.

Yesterday
And the day before yesterday
Our mothers sat at their pianos,
Their melodiums and harpsichords,
And the flutey notes of their high voices,
The low string tones of their rich voices
Flowed along the night air to us,
Tense in our small beds,
Shivering with the bliss of hearing,
And entered our hospitable blood
As rivers of moonlight and phosphorescence
Invade a dark sea.
The memory of their singing
Is like silvered footprints on sand
Wet with the wash of phosphorescent waves.

Today
Our fingers pluck music out of the air,
Out of the past, the present,
And the instruments of a million players.
The flood of it fills all the spaces
Of our brains and hearts.
We are swimmers in the blazing dark ocean of it,
And tomorrow one of us,
Like a diver after pearls,
Will bring up fresh treasure
From the depths of our blood.

-Dorothy Countryman Dorr

major projects were volumes of letters, which she copied on the typewriter, interspersed with family pictures. The first is entitled "Cora M.S. Countryman and her Family, Volume I." It starts with a brief biography of her mother, and contains letters from 1897 to 1931. The second contains letters of the Dorr family from 1854 to 1938. While she was doing it, people thought she was totally crazy to spend her time copying old letters. Now, people who are not members of the families find these books fascinating, as a commentary on the times.

Dorothy (Countryman) Dorr died of cancer a month short of her 52nd birthday. A volume of poems was published posthumously, under the title *Whole Music* . Although not mentioned by name in the poem, I know that the music she had in mind was the "Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis" by Vaughan-Williams. I would like to enclose with this brief biography a poem from *Whole Music* .

by Roger Dorr

DORR, ROGER

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Roger Dorr, 1986.

Roger, of Dorothy (Countryman), of Marcellus L., of Peter Fort, of Daniel.

I was born on March 24, 1921, the only son of Dorothy Countryman and William Ripley Dorr. My father was a church musician and pipe organ salesman, employed by the Aeolian Organ Company in Chicago. When I was less than a month old, my uncle Marcellus L. Countryman, Jr., wrote to my mother as follows: "He should be taught to chew tobacco, spit through his teeth, swear, and throw rocks at the neighbors' cats, and I'm afraid Rip isn't qualified to teach him these manly arts. He will eventually need my guiding care."

My parents evidently took him seriously, and in order to protect me from that influence, they decided to move to the far end of the earth, which was Los Angeles. When I was five, they adopted a little sister for me, and we moved to a new home in a new subdivision on the southern California coast. At age seven I began piano lessons, and at nine I sang in my father's church choir.

My interest in science also began at an early age, and at 16 I was admitted to the California Institute of Technology. After one year I transferred to Pomona College, where I studied astronomy, geology, physics, mathematics, and music, along with liberal arts subjects, in the hope of finding the inspiration for a career. I actually never did make a reasoned choice of a profession. World War II started during my senior year at Pomona. Realizing that, with my lack of physical prowess and my strong anti-war feelings, I could never make a good soldier, I took advantage of my experience in radio construction and repair and joined the research staff of Massachusetts Institute of Technology after graduation from Pomona with a B.A. in 1942. My work on the development of the LORAN (Long Range Navigation) system took me to England, North Africa, all over the eastern part of the United States, and on weather reconnaissance flights over the North Atlantic.

After the war, research was continued by the Army Air Force, and I was sent to Saskatchewan, Canada, as engineer in charge of a low frequency Loran station. While there, I met Kathleen Brown, a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan in medical technology. We were married in Regina in August 1946. As I was still subject to military draft, and had no desire to serve in the occupation army, I found a job in atomic energy research at the University of California. Kathleen and I had our first home in El Cerrito, a few miles from Berkeley and the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory.

In 1952 I was asked by Prof. Ernest Lawrence to join a new company, organized to develop his ideas in color television. I stayed with that project about two years, and had a patent issued for a color picture tube. There followed five years at the new Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, where I designed and built instrumentation for the nuclear chemistry group, and participated in early experiments with controlled fusion for power generation.

Our three boys and one girl were born in the years 1953 to 1958, when we lived on a half acre of walnut trees near Walnut Creek, about 30 miles east of San Francisco. In 1960 we moved to the peninsula, near what was to become the Silicon Valley. During the next

decade I worked in private industry, on electronic and optical systems and aircraft radio. I also taught night classes in electronics and optics for the University of California Extension. Since 1970 I have been an independent contracting engineer and consultant, working on a wide variety of electronic projects and products. In 1975 I helped to organize the Professional and Technical Consultants' Association, an interdisciplinary organization of independent professionals, which now has about 500 members.

With all this activity, I still feel that I have not yet accomplished anything very significant. I have so many interests that I cannot do justice to any of them. This is a disappointment. Electronics is a hobby as well as a business; particularly the branch that deals with recording and reproduction of sound. I derive great pleasure from classical music, and have a large collection of records and tapes, but unfortunately I have no performing ability, although I enjoy singing in amateur choruses and a small, informal madrigal group. I drive and maintain a fleet of six American automobiles, built between 1937 and 1962. Although I have never been good at organized sports, I enjoy swimming, hiking, and bicycling. I do not belong to any church, nor do I consistently support any political party. I firmly believe that we cannot buy security with more and deadlier weapons, and I worry about what will happen to this country and the world if we stay on our present course.

It has been for me a pleasant and comfortable life, even though not exciting or adventurous. I have much to be thankful for, and I hope the world will be as good to my children and grandchildren as it has been to me.

by Roger Dorr

Roger Dorr's family, ready to go to the Seattle World's Fair in the Packard, summer 1962. Left to right: Harold, Barry, Roger, Wendy, Kathleen, and Brian.

DORR, ROGER & KATHLEEN

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Children

Roger, of Dorothy (Countryman), of Marcellus L., of Peter fort, of Daniel.

The four children of Roger and Kathleen Dorr are great-grandchildren of Marcellus L. Countryman, Sr. They are: Harold William, born in Berkeley, California, March 5, 1953; Wendy Mina, born in Berkeley, October 23, 1954; Brian Charles, born in Walnut Creek, California, April 17, 1957; and Barry Lindop, born in Walnut Creek, October 15, 1958.

The children grew up in a suburban country estate environment, in Portala Valley, California, about 40 miles south of San Francisco. They all graduated from public elementary and high schools, and Harold also spent three years in the Woodside Priory School, a private high school run by Hungarian priests. They all became good swimmers at an early age. The boys were members of a Boy Scout troop, and Wendy was active in the 4-H club, in which her project was raising guide dog puppies. They all showed a strong aptitude for music. In the school band and orchestra, Barry and Harold played trombone and Brian played cello. Wendy took piano lessons and plays the guitar and sings. Their mother was active in organizing the Young Audiences program, which brought professional musicians into the schools, and arranged for the children to attend symphony orchestra rehearsals.

Harold attended California State University at San Jose and College of San Mateo, and graduated from San Diego State in 1978 with a bachelor's degree in marine biology. While a student, he learned scuba diving and worked at Marine World, where he became very friendly with the performing dolphins. In San Diego he worked for the U.S. Bureau of Marine Fisheries and became a diving instructor. He has now taught basic and advanced diving courses to hundreds of people. While trying to find a career job in biology, Harold operated a business cleaning boats and making underwater repairs. After several years of disappointment, he decided that the career opportunities might be better in geology. After a year and a half in the graduate school of geology, he observed that the graduates were having difficulty finding good jobs. He then transferred to the school of education, and soon had his teaching credential. He is now very happy as a high school teacher, teaching biology and oceanography. He continues with his diving activities, and has won honors and cash prizes for his underwater photography. In 1980 he married Cynthia Ann Metz, who is also a teacher and a graduate of San Diego State. They have one child, Mina Roberta, born June 7, 1985, in San Diego.

Wendy attended the University of California at Davis for one year, and then married Bruce Welge in November 1973. They lived in Woodside, California, with a dog, two or three cats, and a horse. That marriage lasted about seven years. Wendy worked in retail sales and then held junior management positions with two savings and loan associations. In 1983 she married Michael Whalen, a graduate of Stanford University, now employed as a salesman of optical products. They have one daugher, Mary Kathleen Whalen, born August 6, 1983. Wendy is kept busy taking care of her husband and daughter and garden, and riding her horse.

Ever since high school days, Brian's major interest has been music. With three friends, he organized the Wild Mountain Jam, a combo that played for many dances and parties. He played electric bass and also guitar and keyboard. Then, with another group, he moved to Albuquerque. When that group broke up, he continued as an individual entertainer, playing the Stick, a new electronic instrument. In 1981 he produced a record, "Firestick," distributed by Astral Records, Albuquerque, New Mexico, on which he plays the Stick, assisted by drums and percussion, saxophone, and recorder. Also in 1981, Brian married Laurie Roberts of Los Alamos, New Mexico. They now reside in Albuquerque, and have two boys, Roger Walter, born April 13, 1982, and Joshua Charles, born October 19, 1983. Even though Brian had won wide recognition with his music, he found that a more dependable source of income was needed to support a growing family. Recently he has been selling solar energy equipment and other high tech accessories for buildings. At present he has little time for other activities, but he has a strong interest in astronomy, and hopes someday to have his own amateur observatory.

Barry has followed in his father's footsteps, with a strong interest in technical things. He built, traded, and repaired mini-bikes and go-carts, starting while still in grammar school, and bought an old truck, painted it, and overhauled the engine before he was old enough to have a driver's license. He worked in gas stations and a hardware store. After graduating from high school, he went to Foothill College and took the two-year electronic technician course while working at NASA Ames Laoratory in the flight simulation department. While there, he learned to program the Motorola 6800 microprocessor. He then decided to get an electronic engineering degree from California Polytechnic University. He finally graduated in 1984, after several interruptions, during which he

helped in his father's business, and later held a professional level job in a company making microwave communication equipment. With all this experience he was qualified, after graduation, for something above an entry level job. With several good opportunities from which to choose, he accepted a position as design engineer with a communications company in San Diego. In 1985 Barry married Judy Sayers from Eureka, California, also a graduate of Cal Poly. As yet, they have no children. Barry is a certified scuba diver, plays tennis, and rides motorcycles. He loves music, and has recently rebuilt a fine old piano. After 12 years, his original red Ford truck occupies an honored place in the garage, while the new cars sit outside. Barry is now taking night classes toward an advanced degree in electronic engineering.

by Roger Dorr

EAMAN, JACOB & MARGARET (COUNTRYMAN)

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The Canadian Countrymans — Margaret, of Jacob, of Conradt, of Frederick.

Margaret Countryman, daughter of Jacob Countryman, Sen., was born in New York Province 30 November 1767 and died in Osnabruck, Ontario, 1 July 1805. She was married prior to 25 December 1795 to Jacob Eaman. After Margaret's death Jacob Eaman, Sen., of Osnabruck married 6 May 1806 Mary Cadman, widow of John Cadman, deceased, of the same town. (Luth/Angl. Registers of Williamsburg, Osnabruck, etc., Liber A.)

Children of Margaret and Jacob Eaman (from Old Luth./Angl. reg., Williamsburg, Osnabruck, etc., Liber A):

Adam Eaman, born 25 November 1795, baptised 25 December 1795, sponsors: Conrad Contryman and Regina Wirth.

Jacob Eaman, married 22 October 1811 to Hannah Weart, daughter of John Weart.

Christina Eaman, married 3 January 1815 to Laurents Conley, son of Jacob Conley.

Andrew Eaman, married 16 March 1815 to Mery Crowder, daughter of James Crowder.

Maria Eaman, married 27 June 1815 to Jacob Helmer, son of Leonard Helmer.

George Eaman, married 6 January 1816 to Margareth Weart, daughter of John Weart.

Rachel Eaman, married December 1816 to James Bradshaw, son of John Bradshaw.

by Klaus Vander Baaren

FELIX, KALAH RAE (COUNTRYMAN)

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Kalah, of Raymond, of Isaac Byron.

Kalah Rae (Countryman) Felix was born March 7, 1956, in Dixon, Illinois, to Raymond Byron Countryman, born May 16, 1932, and Virginia Lenore (Crom) Countryman, born August 22, 1931. Her paternal grandparents are Isaac Byron Countryman (1905–1976) and Olive (Boda) Countryman, born April 12, 1909, originally of Dixon, Illinois. She is the sister of Russell Byron Countryman, born June 27, 1958. Resided in Elmhurst, Illinois, from 1956 to 1979. She married Scott Eric Felix November 11, 1978. They moved to Keller, Texas, March 1979. She is presently employed by the law firm of Strasburger & Price of Dallas, Texas. Scott is employed as transportation manager for Campbell Taggart, Inc., Dallas, Texas.

by Virginia L. Countryman

FLEMING, LOUISE (OLSEN)

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Seated: Louise (Olsen) and Clare Countryman. Standing left to right: Karen, Millard, and Janet.

Louise, wife of Clare, of Floyd, of James, of Daniel, of John I, of John, of Conradt I.

Clare Alonzo Countryman married Louise (Olsen) Fleming, the daughter of Amanda Matilda Johnson , who was born about 1869 in Sweden, and Alfred Elof Olsen, who was born about 1864 in Sweden; both had immigrated to America. They were married at the United Methodist Church on June 11, 1948, at DeKalb, Illinois. Louise was born January 13, 1907, at the home of her parents in DeKalb, Illinois. Clare and Louise's daughter, Karen Ann, their only child, was born July 10, 1949, at St. Mary's Hospital at DeKalb, Illinois.

Louise graduated from DeKalb High School and continued her education at the Northern Illinois State College of DeKalb, Illinois, and earned a teaching certificate. She was married to Harley Fleming for about 18 years. She taught school for a few years and then became employed with the Wurlitzer Piano Company as a tuner for 18 years. During these years she also cared for both of her parents and Mrs. Fleming until their deaths.

At the time Floyd and Marion Countryman were moving to Rochelle from the farm, Louise saved the letter of 1864 of Jadua Countryman, an old poem, and the family Bible printed in the 1840s of James A. Countryman. It did not contain any genealogical information, but because of its age and the signature of James A., it has passed from Floyd Moses, to Clare Alonzo, to Millard Floyd — all the oldest sons of each family.

In later years, after being the typical farm wife, Louise joined Clare in the operation of their drive-in cafe in Lake Worth, Florida. They sold that business and relocated in Cocoa, Florida, opening a Heavenly Fried Chicken take out and catering food service business. They sold this in the early 1970s and retired to the home they bought in Rockledge, Florida, where they remained until Clare's last stroke left him unable to care for Louise, who was severely crippled with arthritis. Clare died April 12, 1986, and Louise is now living in the Sunny Pines nursing home, Rockledge, Florida.

by Janet (Countryman) Current

FULLER, LEROY & JOYCE (CRESSMAN)

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LeRoy, of Mabel, of Lillian (Countryman).

LeRoy, the only child of Dana Kenneth and Mabel LaVonne (Morgan) Fuller, and the first grandchild of George and Lillian (Countryman) Morgan, was born LeRoy Kenneth on March 9, 1943, in Staten Island, New York. Moving several times before my parents divorced in 1947, we then settled for a time in Jordan, Minnesota, with my grandparents, George and Lillian Morgan, where I attended grade school. Over the next several years I attended school in California; back to Minnesota, attending high school in Hopkins, Minnesota; joining the naval reserves in my senior year and finally graduating in June of 1961.

Attending a high school football game in the fall of '61, I met Joy Cressman, a blind date arranged by a friend who later became my best man. Joy is the oldest of four children of Melvin and Ruby (Stout) Cressman of Plymouth, Minnesota, born Joyce Carol Cressman on December 7, 1946, in Burke, South Dakota. They lived on the family farm for several years outside of Herrick, South Dakota, moving frequently from South Dakota to North Carolina to Nevis, Minnesota, before finally settling in Plymouth, Minnesota. During this time her three sisters were born, June, Gloria, and Wanda.

Joy and I were married on April 10, 1963, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. We have lived in our present home, a 1½ story stucco house that was built in 1921, for the past 13 years. It has also been the home for many different animals that our two boys have found. The family dog, a Doberman pinscher named "Donner," has been the pride and joy of the Fuller household ever since Joy brought him home six years ago from a "garage sale" outing.

Our first son, Anthony Kenneth (Tony), was born on Thanksgiving Day November 26, 1964, at Eitel Hospital in Minneapolis. He attended Washburn High School in Minneapolis, met and later married Signe Erickson on February 13, 1984. They were divorced in June of 1985; both reside in south Minneapolis. Our second son, Gregory Shane, was born on August 7, 1966, at Eitel Hospital; he also attended Washburn High School. The past three years he has been employed at the Ambassador Motor Hotel. During the last four years he has been studying the Chinese form of martial arts, "Kung Fu," and appears

Left to right: Tony, son of LeRoy K. Fuller; Signe (Erickson), wife of Tony; LeRoy, son of LaVonne (Morgan); Joy, wife of LeRoy; Julene Voit, fiancee of Greg; and Greg, son of LeRoy. Taken on March 9, 1984, after a wedding shower for Tony and Signe.

frequently in area restaurants with classmates during the Chinese New Year, doing the famous "Lion Dance." Rumors of an upcoming wedding between Greg and longtime girlfriend, Julene Rae Voit of Minneapolis, are in the air for 1986. While recently going through some old school photos, it was discovered that Greg and Julene were in the same kindergarten class at Agassiz Elementary in Minneapolis in the 1971–72 class. Both reside in south Minneapolis.

Joy and I are both employed by the Metropolitan Transit Comm. as city bus drivers, I full time and she part time. Since our marriage we have done much traveling throughout the U.S., Mexico, and Canada. 1973 was a memorable year. On a trip through Sioux City, Iowa, we decided to check out a phone book to see if my dad still lived there. After a couple of phone calls, we were reunited after 26 years of separation. Within the next three years a new-found relationship began, but was cut short by his death in August of 1976. A well spent three years.

A particular vacation that comes to mind was a trip to Disney World with our boys in 1976. In the process of looking for some undeveloped property in Florida that Joy's parents owned, we were mistaken for drug smugglers and detained for almost an hour while being questioned by the narcotics agents. Being late at night and from out of state, and in a deserted area, we seemed to be likely suspects. We apparently were on one of the streets that was used for an air strip for small planes that came in from South America carrying drugs. We were thought to be the ones meeting the plane to pick up the cargo. Thank goodness we had papers to prove ownership of the property we were looking for. Tony and Greg were wide-eyed the whole time, wondering why we were surrounded by all those flashing red lights. We were finally "escorted" out of the area and sent on our way. Disney World sure looked great. The boys definitely had a good story for their friends when they got home.

We have tried our hand at many adventurous activities from scuba diving, backpacking and canoeing in the Boundary Waters, to para-sailing in Mexico. We enjoy touring the back roads of the U.S. and Canada by motorcycle, camping along the way.

In May of 1985 we left Minneapolis with five other motorcycles, some pulling trailers, with our destination of Lake George, New York. We met two other couples with their bikes in Kewaunee, Wisconsin, where we were to board a ferry to cross Lake Michigan. Fog and wind were so bad we had to wait two hours just for the ferry to come in. We had reservations to board, so we were told to wait on the lower level while cars were loading on the upper deck. As we watched the railroad cars coming out of the lower deck and being replaced by others, we wondered where they were going to put us and how we were going to get the bikes and trailers up the ramp with all the tracks. A nervous half-hour later we had maneuvered around and in between the railroad cars. As the ferry rocked back and forth we had to tie the bikes and trailers down to the tracks, leaving us with an uneasy feeling as we went to the mid-deck for a rolling four-hour ride across Lake Michigan. Weather calmed and was sunny when we got off at Ludington, Michigan. We headed for beautiful Niagara Falls, spending several hours, then left for Lake George, New York. The procession of seven motorcycles pulling trailers was quite a sight for many motorists, but nothing compared to the 15,000 that were in Lake George that week for a rally.

When we're not working or traveling, our hobbies have kept us busy. Joy loves collecting dolls whether old or new, whichever catches her eye. She also spends much time making crafts. I enjoy collecting guns and have just recently put the finishing touches on putting together a reproduction of an old muzzle loader. After a couple layers of skin from the fingers and dozens of sheets of sandpaper, I soon realized it might have been easier to purchase the finished product. It was a good way to pass the time during the winter months until we can get the motorcycle out of storage and on the road again.

by LeRoy K. Fuller

GORE - HAWKINS

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Panza Marcella, of Marcella J. (Countryman), of Isiah, of George.

Panza Marcella (Gore) Hawkins, the youngest daughter of Everett R. and Marcella J. (Countryman) Gore, was born in Cass County, about one mile west of Lincoln, Indiana, on the Countryman homestead. Panza, as she is commonly called, was born on May 3, 1901. She was well liked and a warm, outgoing person.

She married Don Hawkins, who was a widower with two small children. The oldest, named Richard, is more commonly called Dick; the second child was named Martha Ann (Hawkins) Folbre.

Panza's countries of origin are German, Scotch, American Indian, and possibly English. About Panza's husband, Don Hawkins, we have little information to offer. We do know that the name is Scotch.

This information was gained through knowledge of the family and interview.

by Jo Benjamin

GORE - McCOY

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Elma B. (Gore) and Ivan R. McCoy with their only son, Robert. Their daughter is not in the photo.

Elma, of Marcella (Countryman), of Isiah, of George.

Elma Bernice (Gore) McCoy was the second daughter of Everett R. and Marcella J. (Countryman) Gore, granddaughter of Isiah and Sarah (Crull) Countryman, and great-granddaughter of George and Mariah (Gall) Countryman. The name Gall is of Scotch origin, as is Gore. Elma's father and her husband's father, George W. McCoy, both came to Cass County, Indiana, from Shelby County, Indiana. Isiah Countryman came to Cass County at the age of 18, and Elma lived the majority of her life on the Isiah and Sarah homestead. Elma's daughter Jo grew up there, also. Countries of origin are Scotch, German, American Indian, and perhaps English. Elma's birth date was October 26, 1896. She was married October 29, 1920,

to Ivan R. McCoy of Galveston, Indiana. Ivan's mother's name is Laura B. (Harness) McCoy, a very lovely lady in personality as well as a loving, caring person.

Elma and her sisters were born on the Countryman-Gore farm about one mile west of Lincoln, Indiana. Elma and her sisters, Ina and Panza, walked to grammar school at Lincoln; however, a more modern invention called a "Kid Hack" came along. Riding in the "Kid Hack" was easier than walking.

Elma's mother appreciated the finer things in life, thus she wished to advance her daughters in the fine arts. It seemed that while Ina and Panza did quite well at music, Elma wanted to draw pictures. So Elma's mother decided to give some art lessons to Elma, and the lessons she took were in charcoal. One might say that she was self-taught from this point on. She progressed from drawing in charcoal to painting with watercolors and then into oils. Elma entered her work in a contest, competing with other artists. She won two scholarships for her efforts, a somewhat unusual accomplishment for a self-taught person. She seemed to have felt somewhat disappointed that she was unable to pursue this any further in the area of formal education. However, many of the members of the family have some of her oil paintings and enjoy her work.

From the union of Ivan R. McCoy and Elma (Gore) McCoy was born a son whom they named Robert Eugene McCoy. About eight years later, they had a daughter whom they named Jo Ann, with the intention that she be called Jo. Elma was a very hard working person with excellent morals, like her mother. Elma's death date is May 12, 1981.

by Jo Benjamin

GORE - VAWTER

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Ina, of Marcella (Countryman), of Isiah, of George.

Ina Ruby (Gore) Vawter, born November 21, 1894, was the first daughter of Everett R. and Marcella J. (Countryman) Gore, a granddaughter of Isiah and Sarah (Crull) Countryman, and great-granddaughter of George and Mariah (Gall) Countryman. The names Gall and Gore are of Scotch origin. Crull and Countryman are German, and because one of the great-grandfathers Gore married an American Indian, the countries of origin are German, Scotch, American Indian, and possibly English. Ina was born west of Lincoln, Indiana, on the Countryman-Gore homestead.

Ina and her sister Elma had many personality traits that were alike, and they were as individual as personalities are. Ina obtained her education from Lincoln Grade School and from Galveston High School. She took music lessons and often played at public gatherings.

She married James T. Vawter. From this union came two children, John Eldon Vawter and James Vawter, Jr.

Ina operated her own dry goods store in Indianapolis. After some time she then worked for Kroeger Supermarket. She retired from there. She lost her beloved husband a few years ago, and she now resides with her

Jim T. and Ina R. (Gore) Vawter, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, April 14, 1968.

oldest son, John, of Elkhart, Indiana.

by Jo Benjamin

GORE, EVERETT & MARCELLA JANE "JENNIE" (COUNTRYMAN)

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Marcella Jane (Countryman) Gore.

The homestead of Everett and Marcella (Countryman) Gore, located one mile west of Lincoln, Indiana.

Marcella, of Isiah, of George.

Marcella Jane, affectionately called "Jennie," was the youngest child of Isiah and Sarah (Crull) Countryman. She was born July 25, 1866, and her parents resided in Cass County, Indiana. Isiah came to Cass County at the age of 18 years. His father and mother were George and Mariah (Gall) Countryman. Because the name Gall is Scotch, we know that the countries of origin are Scotch, German, and possibly English. Jennie's grandfather was John Crull and her great-grandfather was Thomas J. Crull of Miami County, Indiana.

As a youngster she walked to a little one-room school. She completed grammar school. Her parents had the foresight to encourage further education. She drove a horse and buggy to Peru and graduated from high school there. This was considered quite an accomplishment, and it qualified her for being a school teacher. She seemed to be close with her family. On one occasion she mentioned an appreciation for her brother John, and respec for his abilities that were unique and varied. She mentioned feeling closest to her brother William.

Jennie was of strong religious convictions and she faithfully attended the First Baptist Church of Galveston, Indiana. She taught a Sunday School class called the "Willing Workers" for 35 years.

She married Everett Gore on November 4, 1891. Her husband's national origin is said to be English and American Indian; however, the name Gore is Scotch. Her husband's parents were James Wesley and Martha (Sidebottom) Gore. They were from Rockbridge County, Virginia. From Virginia they came to Shelby County, Indiana, and then to Cass County, Indiana.

Jennie was a refined and hard-working lady. She was an industrious person. For example, she churned butter and sold her butter and eggs in the small town of Lincoln. She was a talented person, doing much needlework such as knitting, crocheting, eyelet embroidery, and quilting. She made all the dresses that she wore, and most of the clothing that her daughters wore. She was innovative; she disliked throwing anything away. She would save worn out clothing and other items of cloth and cut them into strips, roll them into balls, and during the winter would crochet them into rugs. At the age of 85 she made 119 dresses for an East Side Baptist Christian Center in Indianapolis. She had many strengths, and although her life was difficult, she accomplished much in her

lifetime.

God gave her three children, Ina Ruby Gore, Elma B. Gore, and Marcella Panza Gore.

by Jo Benjamin

GRAVES, DUANE & BELVA (SCHWAB)

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Duane Graves, taken in Reynolds, Illinois, in January of 1983, just a month before he died.

Mahlon Duane, of Hazel (Johnson), of Olivia (Vaughn), of Nancy Ann (Countryman), of John C., of Conrad 3, of Conrad 2, of Conrad 1.

Our connection with the Countrymans begins with Nancy Ann (Countryman) Vaughn Taft. She married Vinson DeLos Vaughn, son of George and Huladah Polly (Eastman) Vaughn, in 1854. They had two children, Olivia, born in 1857, and Orval, born in 1860. Nancy also had four children by her second marriage to Cyrus Taft.

Olivia Vaughn married Lewis Johnson, son of Jacob and Laura (Cooley) Johnson, on 18 April 1876, in Anamosa, Iowa. They had ten children: Earl, Millie, Carl, Nora, Claude, Clyde, Clair, Ruby, a baby that died at two months, and Hazel Etheny.

Hazel Johnson was born 11 February 1896. She married Wilbur Thomas Graves, son of Harry and Jessie May (Minneley) Graves, on 18 September 1913 in Baldwin, Iowa. They had four children: Wilbur Llewellyn, born 9 December 1914; Mahlon Duane, born 18 September 1916; Paul LaVerne, born 9 November 1919; and Artis Leone, born 17 March 1922. Wilbur died 20 March 1925 at the age of 32, leaving Hazel to raise four small children. Hazel worked as a practical nurse. She later married Ray Eiff, who had a son, Ray, Jr.

Mahlon Graves (known to everyone as Duane) married Belva Schwab, daughter of Ira Martin and Alta Viola (Burwell) Schwab, on 10 May 1936 in Rock Island, Illinois. While Duane was in the U.S. Army, Belva worked at the Rock Island Arsenal. They moved to a farm outside of Reynolds, Illinois, in 1950. Duane had a stroke in 1963. They built a house on the outskirts of Reynolds and moved there in 1966. Duane worked for the Secretary of State as a driver's license examiner, then weighmaster. He retired in 1981. Belva has worked at Jaydon and the Reynolds telephone office. She is now enjoying her retirement

Duane died in 1983, of a heart attack as did his brothers Wilbur (in April 1960) and Paul (in July 1976). Belva and Duane have two children, LaVonne Darlene, born 14 April 1937, and Jerry Duane, born 13 December 1938.

LaVonne married Bernard Wheeler in 1955. They had two sons, Michael Ray, born 12 August 1959, and Mark Alan, born 23 February 1962. Mark died 11 February 1963. LaVonne later married Norman E. Wait, son of Robert Cyrus and Jennie V. (McConnell) Wait. They have one son, David Eric, born 17 October 1978. LaVonne and Norman work at the Reynolds State Bank.

Michael Wheeler is now living in Mascoutah, Illinois. He was recently married to Drue Kathleen Attig, daughter of George and Phyllis Attig. They were married in Las Vegas on 27 December 1985. Drue works at Continental Telephone and Michael works in construction.

Jerry Graves married Carol Jean Jones, daughter of Frank Richard and Hazel (Heath) Jones, on 21 June 1959. Jerry worked at Coca-Cola, then United Parcel. They had two children, Sharon Denise, born 2 April 1960, and Steven Duane, born 8 June 1962. Jerry is now married to Barbara Francis, daughter of Clarence and Juanita Francis. They reside just outside of Andalusia, Illinois.

Sharon Graves married John Ray Carothers, son of William Raymond and Alice Marie (DeSmet) Carothers, on 20 January 1979. They live in Rock Island, Illinois. They have three children: Nicole Marie, born 11 July 1979; Michelle Jean, born 1 October 1980; and John Ray, Jr., born 21 February 1983. John is a mechanic at Hugh's Tire and Battery, and Sharon is a Tupperware dealer. Sharon has been working on the family tree for several years.

Steven Duane Graves is still single. He lives in Wheatland, Iowa. He is now working at Econo Methods Engineering as a machine operator. He and John Carothers enjoy drag racing. Being so close to the Mississippi, the families all enjoy camping and fishing.

by Sharon Carothers

The Graves family, taken in April of 1984 in Reynolds, Illinois. Standing left to right: Steve Graves, Norman Wait, Belva Graves, Barb Graves, and John Carothers. Seated left to right: Michael Wheeler, David Wait, LaVonne Wait, Nicole Carothers, Jerry Graves, John Carothers, Jr., Sharon Carothers, and Michelle Carothers.

GRIFFITH, RANDAL & JULIE (COUNTRYMAN)

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Randal and Julie (Countryman) Griffith.

Julie, of Adair, of Ardell, of Cleveland, of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Julie Gay Countryman was born September 24, 1961, to Adair and Ruth Countryman of Pierson, Iowa. Julie grew up on a farm with her older sister, Elizabeth, and two younger sisters, Janet and Linda. She attended Kingsley-Pierson school, and was involved in a variety of activities while in high school. She was in the chorus and band, playing clarinet in concert band and directing the marching band as head majorette her junior and senior years. Julie was also on the track team. She was a member of the 4 x 100 meter relay that won the state championship. Also on that team was Laurie Griffith, whose brother, Randy, was on the boy's state championship track team and enjoyed watching his sister run. Randy was a diversified athlete, making all-conference teams in both basketball and football, as well as his track championship.

Randy and Julie began dating at the end of Julie's senior year of high school, and Randy was a sophomore at Iowa State University where he majored in metallurgical engineering. Julie attended the University of Iowa, but she and Randy made frequent trips to the other campus for weekends.

They were married on May 22, 1982, and after a honeymoon to Florida moved to Peoria, Illinois, where Randy had a job at Caterpiller Tractor Company. On his first day of work he was told not to make any major purchases, because they were not sure how long they could keep him employed. About two months later Randy and many other new employees were layed off. About a month after that, Randy and Julie moved back to Iowa.

Then in March of 1983 Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City offered Randy a job. They lived in Oklahoma City for about two and a half years. Randy worked as a metallurgist at Tinker, and Julie had a job at Pitney Bowes as a receptionist at first, later being promoted to secretary.

After a few years of government work, Randy bagan looking for another job. His sister, Laurie, and her husband, Brion, lived in Phoenix, Arizona, so that's where he concentrated his efforts. In August of 1985 Randy was offered a job with Garrett Pneumatics as a metallurgical engineer in Tempe, Arizona. Randy and Julie now live in Chandler, Arizona. Julie works as a secretary at J&K Computer Systems, Inc., a computer software company. They are both enjoying their new house and the new friends they've met in Arizona.

by Julie Griffith

GUEST, ARTHUR T.

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Arthur, of Minnie Louise (Countryman), of Alvin, of John I., Jr., of John I., Sr., of John, of Conrad 1st and Johann Fredriech.

Arthur T. Guest was born on April 20, 1889, in Rochelle, Illinois. Thirty-nine days after his birth, his mother, Minnie Louise Countryman, died and he was raised by his aunt, Emma V. Countryman, and his maternal grandparents, Alvin and Jennie Countryman at 603 N. Eighth Street, Rochelle, Illinois.

Arthur attended schools in Rochelle and graduated from Rochelle High School in 1908, where he was instrumental in establishing the first Rochelle High School yearbook, which was named the *Tatler* . In 1912 he graduated from Beloit College and he was the editor of the *Beloit Round Table* , the college newspaper, during his senior year.

Prior to World War I, Arthur worked in the telephone company office in Rochelle, Illinois. On January 17, 1918, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Ordinance Corps and served in army bases in Texas and New Jersey, reaching the rank of sergeant first class. After his discharge on March 15, 1919, he returned to his home town, Rochelle, Illinois, where he was employed by the Whitcomb Locomotive Company as office manager.

From 1931 to the time of his death on June 14, 1963, he was a self employed insurance agent and income tax practitioner in Rochelle. Arthur was an elder in the Presbyterian Church of Rochelle, secretary of the local grade school district, a justice of the peace, and served several terms as city treasurer for the city of Rochelle. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and the local Rotary club.

On May 20, 1922, Arthur was united in marriage with Margery S. Kimball, who was a language teacher at the Rochelle High School. Of this marriage two children were born, namely a son, David K. Guest, and a daughter, Clara Maurine Guest. David was born on May 7, 1928, and Clara Maurine was born on May 28, 1931.

David K. Guest married Barbara E. Dixson on May 14, 1955. Of this marriage two children were born, namely, a daughter Aimee J. Guest on October 28, 1956, and a son, Thomas D. Guest, on February 28, 1959. Aimee J. Guest married Jeffrey M. Hucek on September 15, 1979.

Clara Maurine Guest married Edmund C. Hoeppner, Jr., on June 18, 1955. Of this marriage three children were born, namely, a son, Charles S. Hoeppner on June 2, 1957, a daughter, Mary E. Hoeppner, on July 28, 1959, and a daughter, Susan M. Hoeppner, on February 21, 1962. Mary E. Heoppner married Paul MacDonald on November 24, 1984.

Margery K. Guest, the wife of Arthur T. Guest, died on July 14, 1972.

Arthur attended many Countryman family reunions both as a boy and in later years, and acquired an intense interest in Countryman family genealogy from his grandfather, Alvin Countryman, who was an author of the *Countryman Genealogy* of 1925.

by David K. Guest

GUNDERMANN, CONRAD

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Conrad, of Johann Friedrich.

(Georg) Cunradt Gunderman was baptised 30 January 1701; his will was dated 1768. His father was Johann Friedrich Gundermann and his mother was Maria Barbara –?–. His wife's name was possibly Maria Margaret. The basis for calling her this is the entry in the church books of Trinity Lutheran Church at Stone Arabia where the sponsors at the baptism in 1757 of Henrich and Juliana Haberman's child are given as "Conrad Contriman & wife Maria Margreth." However, this might also refer to Conrad, the son of Adam. We know that he named his daughter Margreth from Adam's will and believe that was also his wife's name.

When speculating as to Conrad's wife's maiden name, it is interesting to notice the names of his children. All the names, except Marcus and Adam, have appeared before and one of them may be the name of the wife's father.

All the children except Marcus and Frederick were mentioned in Conrad's will. However, since their children owned property in the Cuntryman Patent and are so intimately connected with the others, it seems likely that Conrad had already made provision for them before drawing his will.

As far as is known, all the children of Conrad were born and died in Montgomery County, New York, except for Jacob, who went to Canada during the Revolutionary War:

Adam (21 June 1719 – 22 December 1804); Marcus (21 October 1720 – 13 January 1793); Johannes (2 March 1736 – 1789); George (ca. 1728 – 1809); Conrad (died ca. 1790); Jacob; Frederick (died in battle 31 July 1780); (Anna) Barbara (married –?– Mattys); Anna Margreth (married John Plance/Plants/Pflanz); Anna Rosina (married Johannes Pickert); Anna Eva (married Wilhelm Dillenback).

References: Niefern, Germany, churchbooks; *Countryman Genealogy* by Alvin and John E. Countryman; Stone Arabia, Trinity Lutheran Church Books; Reformed Dutch Church at Ft. Plain, New York, churchbooks; *Palatine Families of New York, 1710* , Henry Z. Jones, 1985; Dillenbeck, Andrew L. *The Dallenbachs in America* ; New York Land Papers, Vol X: 135, 144 and Vol XI: 1,10 and Vol XIV: 123, 145, 157, 176 (A 1940 article in the NYG&B says the original copy of Conrad's 1852 land grant was in the possession of Victor Langlois of Delafield, Wisconsin, at that time); Collected Papers of Sir William Johnson, Univ. of State of NY 1921: Vol I:70; Documents Relative to the Colonial History of the State of New York Vol VI:784; St. Paul's Lutheran Churchbooks, Schoharie, New York; Will of Conrad Countryman: New York State Archives.

by Elizabeth T. Dehn

GUNDERMANN, HANS GEORG

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Hans Georg, son of Hans Friedrich.

The Albany Dutch Ref. Ch. records the marriage of "Hans Jurryaen Guntermann & Anna Elisabeth Melchoir" on 12 September 1718. "Jurry" is the Dutch for "George." The only other reference to Hans Georg or John George is when he and Elisabeth were sponsors in 1741 at the bapt. of Jacob Bestide in Schoharie. He may have gone to Pennsylvania as I feel fairly certain that his younger brother, Jacob, did.

Lauraine Horback has pointed out that both Jacob and Henry Countryman who

migrated to Bedford, Pennsylvania, and Highland County, Ohio, may be his sons. They each named daughters Elizabeth, possibly after their mother.

Refs: Albany Dutch Reformed Church books, Albany, New York; Schoharie Dutch Reformed church books.

by Elizabeth T. Dehn

GUNDERMANN, JOHANN FRIEDRICH

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The Immigrant Ancestor.

The members of the Countryman family are most fortunate in having the material collected by Alvin and John E. Countryman and published in 1925. Much of the material contained in that volume consists of personal knowledge contributed by family members then alive. This means that the information as far back as 1825 or 1850 is quite accurate.

In addition, the historical introductions to both the first and second parts include some very shrewd guesses as to the original immigrant family. It was only in 1976 that Carla Mittlestaedt-Kubaseck, who was doing research in Germany for Henry Z. Jones, Jr., finally located and translated the original church records at Niefern, Germany. Anyone interested in a more complete story of the Palatine immigration of 1709 should read the introduction to Jones's recently published *The Palatine Families of New York, 1710* as well as the earlier *Early Eighteenth Century Palatine Emigration* by Walter A. Knittle.

From the church records of Pastor Kocherthal, who led the first group of Palatines to arrive in New York state, we know the original immigrant family was headed by:

Hans Friedrich Guntermann: We do not know his date of birth, but he came from Entzburg, Wuerttemberg, Germany, and his wife's name was Maria Barbara. It is probable that her surname was the same as one of the witnesses to the children's baptisms. Kocherthal recorded Hans Friedrich's death at Newtown on the west bank of the Hudson on 16 September 1717. We also know that their eldest son was Andreas Frantz.

Andreas Frantz was probably born ca. 1795. Unfortunately the book recording his christening and perhaps his parents' marriage has not been found. (Lauraine Horbak is following this family.)

Following is Mrs. Mittlestaedt-Kubaseck's translation of the records of the church at Niefern, Germany, which list the other children who were born in Germany:

Hans Georg, son to Hans Friedrich Gundermann, Hindersass there, and Barbara was baptised 28 July 1698. The Godparents were Hans Georg Hiltler, the baker; Conrad Schrode; and Rosina, the single daughter of George Dieffenbacher.

Georg Cunradt, son to Hans Friedrich Gundermann and Barbara, was baptised 30 January 1701. The Godparents were Melchior Zufluhe, meadow-servant in Nieffern; Hans Georg Hiltler, the baker; Cunrad Schrode; and Rosina, the daughter of Georg Dieffenbacher. All the sponsors were of Entzberg.

Margretha Barbara, daughter to Hans Friedrich Gundermann and Barbara, was baptised "24 vine-month" [October?] 1703. She died 30 September 1707.

Anna Catharina, daughter of Hans Friedrich Gundermann and Barbara, was baptised on 22 April 1706.

Hans Friedrich, son of Hans Friedrich Gundermann and Barbara, was baptised on 13 October 1708.

Many of the immigrants died during the arduous journey from Germany to America and that is probably what happened to Anna Catharina and Hans Friedrich, Jr., as they do not appear in the records again. However, two more children were born to Hans Friedrich and Barbara and their baptisms were recorded by Pastor Joshua Kocherthal in the records of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church at West Camp. New York. (West Camp is located south of Catskill, New York, in Ulster County.) The Kocherthal records follow:

Anna Eva, baptised 14 April, born 12 April 1714, child of Johann Friedrich Contermann and Maria Barbara. Witness: Anna Catharina Germannin. She probably married John Woed (Wood) as there is a record of a child baptised in 1740 at the Germantown Ref. Ch, son of John Woed and Eva Conterman.

Jacob, baptised 14 August, born 12 August 1716, child of Johann Friedrich Contrimann and Maria Barbara. Witnesses: Jacob Germann and wife, Anna Catharina. Jones has traced the origin of the Jacob Germann family to be near the Gundermann family in Wuerttemberg. It is possible that they were acquainted before emigrating. They also appear in the Pennsylvania records in connection with Jacob.

Other records of the Countryman family appear in the Gov. Hunter Subsistence Lists where the family of Johann Friderich Gondermann is listed in 1710 as consisting of three adults and two young; and in 1711–12 as five adults. The Palatine census of 1710 lists the family as: Jno. ffred: Conterman: 1 man, 3 lads from ages 9 to 15, 1 Woman, on the West side of the Hudson River. The Simmindinger Register lists Friederich Cunterman and Maria Barbara with 3 children at Heesberg (in the Schoharie Valley ca. 1716). On September 8 and 9, 1715, the names of Andreas, Joh. Fredrich, Joh. Gorg and Joh. Coenrat Conterman appear on the Ulster County naturalization lists.

References: Churchbooks at Niefern, Germany (courtesy of H.Z. Jones); Gov. Hunter's NY Subsistence Lists: Pub. Rec. Office C.O.5/1230,1231; Pastor Kocherthal's churchbooks at West Camp: Photostats at NYS Library (newly reprinted by Arthur Kelly as *Records of St. Paul's Lutherasn Church, West Camp, NY*); O'Callaghan, *Doc. History of NY* Vol. III, Albany, New York, 1949; MacWethy, Lou D. *Book of Names* , St. Johnsville Ent. & News, 1933; Simmendinger, Ulrich, *Register of Persons still living* . . . , St. Johnsville Ent. & News, 1934; Knittle, Walter, *Early 18th Century Palatine Emigration* , 1937; Jones, Henry Z., Jr., *The Palatine Families of New York* , 1985.

by Elizabeth T. Dehn

GUNDERMANN, JOHN FREDERICK

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The Immigrant Ancestor.

Johann Fredrick Contermann (Gunderman) ca. 1664 of Entzberg, Commune Maulbroun, Duchy of Wurttemberg, Germany, came to America on board the *Midfort* ship in approximately 1709. He and his wife, Maria Barbara Simon, and family went up into the Mohawk Valley and settled near Herkimer County, New York. With the help of some other books and family records we will try to follow this German family into their new world. The following is from a letter from Mr. Schrsender from Germany to Donald P. Countryman:

Father: Johann (Hans) Friedrick Gundermann, born 1664. Mother: Maria Barbara Simon. Children listed in Baptismal Book in the church of Enzberg, Germany: (1) Hans Georg Gundermann, born 7-28-1698; (2) Georg Cunradt Gundermann, born 1-30-1701; (3)Magalena Barbara Gundermann, born 11-24-1703, died 9-30-1707; (4) Ann Catharina Gundermann, born 4-22-1706; (5) Andreas Frantz Gundermann.

Records show two other sons' names that must have been born in America. Heinrich Gundermann.

The following is taken from *The Book of Names* by Lou D. Mac Wethy. (Adding to the above names) Anna Eva Gundermann, born April 12, 1714; Jacob Gundermann, born August 12, 1716.

Page 68, Palatine Heads of Families from Governor Hunter's Ration Lists dated June 1710 to September 1714, shows a Johann Friderick Gondermann Colonial Census of 1710, a list of Palatines remaining in New York: Census of West Camp from Vol. 3 *Documentary History of New York* . Page 124: Jno Fred Conterman.

Roster of Oriskany Heroes lists as follows: page 133, Private John Countryman.

Tryon County Militia was drawn from the territory known as the "Canajokarie" and was all the land from the "noses" to the east, to Little Falls to the west, lying altogether on the south side of the river. Tryon County Rangers were selected from the Militia enlisted men. Countreyman, Counradt; Countryman, John; Countryman, Johannes; Contermann, Johann Fridrick, died September 16, 1717.

by Donald P. Countryman

GUNTERMAN, ELIZABETH (RAWLINGS) HART

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Elizabeth, wife of Peter.

The story goes that around 1790, Miles Hart, his wife and two children had just moved into a new cabin, three miles east of Elizabethtown, when they were attacked by a band of savages. Hart and one of the children were killed; another child hid and escaped. Mrs. Hart, then about 26, was captured.

Samuel Haycraft's *History of Elizabethtown, Kentucky* , written in 1869, says Mrs. Hart was regarded as "a very delicate woman for those days." And despite the fact that she was expecting a child, she was burdened with camp kettles and other Indian plunder as the marauders crossed the Ohio River into the Northwest Territory, the book says.

"After journeying a few days, at nightfall, she was compelled to kindle the Indian fires, and then made to go aside and kindle a fire for herself, raking up, as best she could, rubbish from under the snow, and there alone, unaided by the kind assistance known to civilized life, was delivered of a son," Haycraft states.

"The squaws then showed a little kindness in the morning, by giving her a little water in which a turkey had been boiled. Then cutting a block from a tree, they wrapped a piece of blanket around the newborn infant, fastened it to the block and laid the block upon her back with camp kettles etc. and pursued their way, and, in the course of a day, waded a river waist deep, and yet, strange to tell, she experienced no serious inconvenience . . . but from hard usage and inhuman treatment, the child died at six months old."

History has omitted some of the stories of torture that Mrs. Hart would share with her family in her later years, for they were nearly too gruesome for print. Most accounts say only that she was enslaved by the Indians for several years in what is thought to have been the vicinity of the Michigan Territory.

There is documented evidence to indicate that, in the meantime, some of her relatives in Kentucky raised money in attempts to have her released.

At long last, she was bought by a French trader at Detroit who brought her back to Kentucky after she convinced him that he would be well-paid. The story goes that she was wearing the beads and moccasins [now in the possession of great-great-great-great-granddaughter Lucille Brown] when she arrived home.

By 1797, at least seven years after her capture, records evidence that Mrs. Hart had married Peter Gunterman, a marriage that produced three daughters.

The child who had escaped capture by the Indians, a son, apparently was raised by relatives in Missouri, where he is said to have reached an old age and died without ever marrying.

Elizabeth Rawlings Hart Gunterman, although mostly confined to bed with "rheumatism" the last few years of her life, lived to the age of 80.

She was buried in 1844 in a family graveyard adjacent to the farm owned by Mrs. Brown and her husband, George, near Sonora in Hardin County.

"She'd sit in a rocking chair by a fireplace, they said, at night, and entertain the family with stories of what she did while she was captured," Mrs. Brown said of her pioneer ancestor.

Some of the family heard the story that an Indian chief once asked to her to marry him, but she threatened suicide rather than go through with it. . .

Note: This story, written by Byron Crawford, appeared in the *Louisville Courier-Journal* in January 1985. Elizabeth Rawlings Hart was the second wife of Peter Gunterman, whose son by his first marriage, George Gunterman, was Victor Seward Sappenfield's great-grandfather.

submitted by Sue Sappenfield

GUNTERMAN, JOHANN FREDRIECH & MARIA BARBARA (SIMON)

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The Immigrant Ancestor.

Johann Fredriech was born ca. 1664 in Entzberg, Germany. He married Maria Barbara Simon in Germany. They landed on Nutters Island on June 13, 1710, with Rev. Kochenthal's second and last emigration of about 3,000 Palatines. Johann Fredriech was a leading churchman in Entzberg and held the position of an administrator at West Camp, New York. They came over on the Good Ship *Globe* .

They had eight children, six born in Entzberg and the last two born at West Camp, New York: Andreas Frantz (died ca. 1738), Johann "George" (born July 28, 1698), George "Conrad" (born January 30, 1701; died ca. 1768), Magdalena Barbara (born November 24, 1703), Anna Cathatina (born April 22, 1706), Johann Fredriech (born October 13, 1708), Anna Eva (born April 12, 1714), and Jacob (born August 12, 1716).

Johann Fredriech died at West Camp.

by Margaret Haper

GUTHRIE, CHESTER E. & MARJORIE (COUNTRYMAN)

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Marjorie (Countryman) Guthrie and Chester Earle Guthrie, taken in 1984.

Marjorie, of Merton A., of Alvin, of John I., Jr., of John I., Sr., of John, of Conrad.

I was born in Rochelle, Illinois, on September 13, 1913. My father, Merton, was married to Katherine Stephens of Troy, Missouri. There were four children, Mary Catherine, Alvin Merton, Marjorie Lucille, and Carolyn Marie.

I lived in Rochelle until I was ten years old, when the family moved to Ames, Iowa. My parents felt that with four children to educate it would be a good thing to live in a college town. Iowa State College (as it was known at that time) was in Ames, and all four children graduated from Iowa State.

I have fond memories of Rochelle. My grandmother and Aunt Emma lived in the house my grandfather built after he retired from farming and moved to town. I don't remember my grandfather because I was only two years old when he died. My grandfather and grandmother were one of the four brothers who married four Wagner sisters. The only ones I remember were my grandmother and Uncle John. (He was the one who was responsible for the second part of the *Countryman Genealogy* .) He used to come up from Florida in the summers and make a garden at my grandmother's house. I also remember the big family reunions we used to have in the summers. Mary, Alvin, Carolyn and I, and our parents are all in the picture of the 1923 reunion. The picture was taken on the lawn of Grace and Arthur Phelps. The house had been built by Harvey Countryman and was right next door to my grandfather's house. Grace was his daughter. Grace's sister, Ida Craft, lived next to Grace in a big house and Louetta Fouser, whose husband was a dentist, lived across from Ida as did Alonzo and Carrie Countryman in another big Victorian house.

When my family moved to Ames, Iowa, they bought a big rooming house and rented rooms to students. We had 24 boys in the house, all of them freshmen but two. My father used to have to go up and quiet things down sometimes. I'm not sure he enjoyed playing monitor to all those students. In January we had a roof fire. Some of the boys had to move out for a week or so. The roof was repaired and my father rented the house to the Gamma Phi Beta sorority. Later my father bought another big house and remodeled it to make apartments out of it. We lived there for many years. My mother ran the house for about 15 years after father died. We had a large apartment on the first floor.

My sister Mary went to Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, for one year and then attended Iowa State and graduated with a degree in botany. She taught for a couple of years and then came home and went back to school and got a master's degree. Al and I graduated from Ames High in 1930 and 1931. We both went to Iowa State. After my freshman year I worked part time as a secretary in the student loan office. Al played piano in a dance band. It was during the Depression. We were lucky to be able to go to school. My sister Mary married John Franklin Kagy, a graduate student in entomology. They moved to California and raised four children.

I married Chester Earle Guthrie, who received his degree in veterinary medicine in 1938. He was from Connecticut. He had received his bachelor's degree from Connecticut College in animal husbandry and had come to Iowa State for his veterinary training. We went to Connecticut where he set up practice in Norwalk. In 1942 he was called into the service. At that point we had two children, Sally and Joseph. He worked out of the Boston office as a food inspector. (He inspected fish in Gloucester, Massachusetts.) We lived in Rockport, Massachusetts, for a year or so, then he was sent overseas and I went back to Ames and stayed in one of my parents' apartments for the duration of World War II. When the war was over we

came back to Connecticut and bought a place in Wilton that had been a private kennel. He moved his practice to Wilton around 1950 and practiced there until 1980 when he sold the practice.

Earle and I have six children, Sally, Joe, Jane, Sidney, Susan, and Margaret (Peggy). Only two have children — Joe has four boys by two wives and Peggy (Guthrie) Van Acker has a son, Thomas, and a daughter, Laurel. Peggy and Jamie are the only ones who live nearby. Thomas is three years old and Laurel is ten months. We really enjoy them. Three of the children, Jane, Sidney, and Joe, live in California. Sally lives in Great Barrington, and Susan (Rawls) lives near Philadelphia.

My sister Mary C. Kagy died in 1957 and my brother, Alvin, died in 1959. Carolyn died in 1983. Her husband, Glenn A. Blanchard, lives in Tacoma, Washington. Carolyn and Glenn had two sons, Raymond and Roger. Roger has four children and lives near Chicago. Raymond is a dentist in Madison, Wisconsin. Mary and Franklin had two sons and two daughters: Karen Barbe lives in Midland, Texas, and has three children; John Kagy II lives in Cypress, California, and has a son and daughter; Roger Lee Kagy lives in Huntington Beach, California, and has an adopted son and daughter; and Linda (Kagy) Matthews lives in Lake Oswego, Oregon, and has a son and two daughters. My brother, Alvin, married Edith Dana and had two daughters. Both Alvin and Edith are deceased.

I am the sole surviving child of Merton A. Countryman and Katherine (Stephens) Countryman. My mother is still alive as of now and in a nursing home in Norwalk, Connecticut. She was 101 on January 26, 1986.

by Marjorie (Countryman) Guthrie

HALL, ELIZABETH (COUNTRYMAN)

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Elizabeth Countryman married Andrew Hall 26 December 1809, with Hugh Kirk as Surety. (Was he her stepfather? Or just a friend of the family? I have not been able to find a Countryman in the Rutherford County, Tennessee, census of 1810, or in the early tax records, according to information sent by Tennessee State Archives. Andrew Hall is listed in both the 1810 and 1820 censuses.) The above marriage information comes from Rutherford County Marriage Records, page 29.

Andrew and Elizabeth (Countryman) Hall continued to live in Rutherford County, Tennessee, but I have no information on his parents, either. The 1850 census information shows that Andrew Hall was born in North Carolina; family records, quoted by William Otis Swan(n), say that he was born September 22, 1777. The census for that year also shows that Elizabeth Countryman was born about 1783 in North Carolina. (Of course, at this period in time, Tennessee was still part of North Carolina!)

In records for Rutherford County in the Tennessee State Archives, I have found three deeds listing Andrew Hall as a principal: He bought 50 acres of land from Aron Webb, on the west fork of Stones River, as listed in Deed Book Roll #111, Bk 17, p. 42. dated 24 June 1816. He also bought 190 acres of land from Pipkin Barnes, on both sides of Stones River, Deed Book Roll #112, Bk S, pp. 405-406, dated 10 January 1827. On 23 January 1827 Andrew Hall sold 50 acres of land, on the west fork of Stones River to Montfort H. Fletcher, according to DB Roll #112, Bk R, p. 306.

The Rutherford census for 1850, taken November 19, for Barefuto District, shows: Andrew Hall 72 m farmer, 4000, N.C.; Elizabeth Hall 67 f, N.C.; John A. Hall 39 m farmer, Tenn.; Mary Hall 25 f, Tenn.; David A. Hall m Tenn. The 1820 census showed there were three girls in the family, and the wills of Andrew and Elizabeth (Countryman) Hall give the names, as do the marriage records of Rutherford County. Page 101 shows: Louisa Hall & Ephriam B. Turner 6 Apr. 1843. Page 100: Martha Hall & William C. McElwrath 28 Aug. 1843. Page 101: Martin C. Turner to Elizabeth A. Hall 12 June 1843.

Louisa Hall and Ephriam B. Turner were married 16 April 1843, and in the 1850 census it says he was born about 1817, in Virginia. She was born 21 May 1818, Rutherford County, Tennessee. His brother, Martin C. Turner, married Louisa's sister, Elizabeth A. Hall; The other sister of the Hall girls married William C. McElwrath. Elizabeth was born about 1816, and Martha was born before 1820. (This information is from the census of 1820, showing three females under 10, and one male under 10.)

Andrew and Elizabeth Hall are not shown in the 1850 census, but in Tennessee Will Books, Roll #263, Book 17, pp. 226-227, is the will of Andrew with heirs listed as his wife Elizabeth, a granddaughter Mary Tennessee Louisa McElwrath, and Elizabeth and Louisa Turner, his daughters. He named his sons-in-law, Martin and Ephriam B. Turner, as his executors. The will was recorded September 19, 1854, and the record of execution was recorded the 9th October 1854. The record showing that Martin and Ephriam were accepted as executors is found in Will Book, Roll #264, Bk 17, p. 209. The inventory of Andrew Hall's estate was recorded February 2, 1855 (WB 17, pp. 376-377). WB 18, pp. 83-85 lists the estate sale, and those who bought, and was recorded 18 April 1856.

Will Book 19, pp. 32-33, shows a settlement with M. C. Turner, Executor of Andrew Hall decd., and is dated 21 September 1857. In the meantime, Ephriam B. Turner had died, leaving a will dated 7 April 1856, proved 18 April 1856. WB 19, p. 190 is a settlement with John A. Hall (son of Andrew) guardian for Mary T. McElrath, a minor heir of Elizabeth and Andrew Hall decd. It is dated 2 February 1858.

Will Book 19, p. 190 gives "A settlement made with M.C. Turner Administrator of Elizabeth Hall Decd," and is dated 7th January 1858.

Will Book 20, p. 51, shows a settlement made with John A. Hall, guardian for Mary T. McElrath, a minor heir of Elizabeth and Andrew Hall, dated 17 May 1859; Book 20, p. 594, was the last settlement shown for this account, and is dated 4 August 1860. On September 4, 1855, there was another sale of the estate of Andrew Hall, which was recorded April 18, 1856. An inventory of the estate of Elizabeth Hall decd was given, and recorded on the same date. This is shown in Estate Settlements, Book 18, p. 86.

In the Rutherford County, Tennessee, Will Books, Roll #264, Bk 18, p. 87 is another will: E.B. Turner (the title on the pages says *J.E.*), listing his wife Louisa and his two children, Andrew and Marthy. He nominated J.A. Cambell his executor; it was recorded 18 April 1856, but was written April 7. Estate Settlements, Bk 18, p. 258, shows the inventory for E.B. Turner, deceased, and also lists the sale of his property. It is dated May 5, 1856, and October 20, 1856; it was recorded January 12, 1857.

In Will Book 20, p. 594, is given a settlement made with M.C. Turner, guradian for Andrew and Martha Turner minor heirs of E.B. Turner, and is dated 1 May 1860. In the Estate Settlement Book 22, p. 175, is another settlement made with M.C. Turner, guardian for the above children, and is dated 16th January 1866.

In the Rutherford County, Tennessee, Deed Book 8, p. 546, is a deed between T.A. Moore and Louisa Turner and others 64 acres of land in the county; it is dated 5 March 1857.

Louisa Hall Turner died 29 January 1909, and is buried in Burns Cemetery, Bedford County, Tennessee. She had been living with her daughter, Martha (Mattie E.) Turner Puckett, wife of Arthur Pleasant Puckett. Mattie was born 15 March 1848, Rutherford County, Tennessee. Arthur was born 26 August 1828, Rutherford County, Tennessee. The Pucketts had ten children: Elizabeth, m Press Gregory; John Ephriam, m Lucy Florence Swann; Willis Ann Huntley Puckett (never married); Caleb L. died young; Florence, m W.B. Burrow; Mary Lee, m James Foster Swann (ancestor); Joe M., m Margaret Lentz; Ethel, m Marion Simmons; Turner, m Maggie McLaughlin; and Eunice (male), m Jennie Moore.

Mary Lee Puckett married James Foster Swann 23 December 1896, Bedford County, Tennessee. She was born 15 September 1878, Bedford County, and he was born 30 March 1874 between Tennessee and Texas in a covered wagon, according to information he gave his children; they were either going to or returning from a visit to his mother's parents in Bell County, Texas.

Three children were born to this couple: Bertha Lavinia, 19 January 1898; Velma Lee, 18 March 1899; and William Otis, 6 July 1900; their mother died 20 July 1900, when Otis was two weeks old.

In 1906 James Foster Swann took his two girls and went to California to live; he left his son with a sister and her husband, Lucy Florence and John Ephriam Puckett, who stayed in Bedford County, Tennessee.

Bertha Lavinia Swann married Enox Lorenzo Cleland on 28 February 1918, Bakersfield, California. They had nine children; seven are still living in 1985. Rennie Cleland died 21 June 1971.

Velma Lee Swann married James Samuel Woodson Swoape, a cousin (his mother was Lenora Elizabeth Swann; her father was James Foster Swann, brother and sister) on 18 February 1918; they had ten children, but only two lived (she had the RH negative blood factor, he was positive). Velma Lee was born 18 March 1899; James Samuel was born 9 October 1893, both in the same house near Shelbyville, Tennessee. From their marriage city, they gradually moved north to northern California. J.S. Swoape died 18 November

1960; Velma Lee Swoape died 28 December 1977, Medford, Oregon. Their chldren were Velma LeeVerne, born 18 October 1918, and John S., born 15 November 1919.

LeeVerne Swoape married Eric de Place 5 November 1939, Redding, California, Four children were born to them: James Nicholas, Mary Lee, John Karl, and Gerda Elizabeth (Bette). All are married and have children, giving seven grandchildren to the de Places.

by LeeVerne (Swoape) de Place

HARRISON - KOEPPEL

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Ed, Zach, Kristi, and Kathy Koeppel, taken in September 1984 at Sioux Center, Iowa.

Kathleen, of Delores (Countryman), of Delbert J., of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad II, of Jacob, of Conrad I, of Johann Fredriech.

Kathleen Lynn (Harrison) Keoppel, daughter of Morris Ford and Delores Ione (Countryman) Harrison, was born June 14, 1957, in Omaha, Nebraska.

Our family lived in Omaha until I completed the fourth grade. I attended Hillside Grade School from kindergarten through the fourth grade. Kindergarten was a hard transition for me. I would cry all the way to school most mornings. Then something wonderful happened. I broke my left leg. This meant Mom would have to take me to school. I did adjust that year to separation, but now that I'm a mother I realize it was harder on Mom than it was on me.

Our neighborhood was filled with children of various ages, but we all played very well together. Some of my happiest childhood memories are those years when we lived at 7736 Izard Street.

In 1967 we moved to Greenfield, Iowa. I started playing the flute while in the fifth grade and continued through my senior year in high school. My brother Dave and I shared a paper route in Greenfield.

In 1969 we moved to Sioux Center, Iowa. I attended junior high and high school there. I enjoyed playing on the girls' golf team all four years of high school.

After graduating from high school, I spent the summer in Omaha, Nebraska, living with a friend and working at Nebraska Methodist Hospital as a nurses aide. I was very homesick that summer, but in September 1975 I started nursing school at Nebraska Methodist School of Nursing, where I met many new friends. I graduated from nursing school in 1978. My first job was at Childrens Memorial Hospital in Omaha, where I worked from July 1978 to April 1979. I lived in an apartment on Maple Street next to I-80 during that time.

On April 21, 1979, I married Donald Edward Keoppel at Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center, Iowa. I met Ed during my community hospital training in Auburn, Nebraska, in March of 1978. Ed was born November 23, 1950, to Donald and Marie Koeppel of Nebraska City, Nebraska. Ed has an older brother, Jim, who lives in Concord, California.

Ed and I moved to Glendale, Arizona, in May of 1979. Today we own our home, where we have lived for the past seven years. Ed is presently a construction supervisor for CE-GAP Construction Company. I worked for six years at St. Joseph Hospital in the nursery ICU. I now work part time at Thunderbird Samaritan Hospital in the nursery. We attend Christ Community Church.

Our daughter, Kristi Lynn Koeppel, was born on January 12, 1982, at St. Joseph Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona. Kristi loves to talk, swim, chew gum, and ballet dance. She is starting her second year of dance lessons at Spisak Dance Academy. When it comes to swimming, she's a natural. We call her "our little fish." Kristi will be starting her third year at Stepping Stones Preschool, going two mornings a week.

Our son, Donald Zachary Koeppel, was born on September 18, 1983, at St. Joseph Hospital in Phoenix. Zach is our husky little boy. His nickname is "Tank," but he is really very sensitive and affectionate. His favorite things are squirt bottles, Legos, and kicking balls.

Our family pet is a five-year-old apricot poodle named Rudy.

by Kathleen Koeppel

HARRISON, LAURIE ANN

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Laurie Harrison, taken at the Phoenix airport, April 25, 1986.

Laurie, of Delores (Countryman), of Delbert J., of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad II, of Jacob, of Conrad I, of Johann Fredriech.

Laurie Ann Harrison, daughter of Morris Ford and Delores Ione (Countryman) Harrison, was born on November 6, 1961, in Omaha, Nebraska. We lived in Omaha until the fall of 1967, when we moved to Greenfield, Iowa. Our family stayed in Greenfield for two years. I attended Greenfield Elementary School for my kindergarten and first grades, along with my older sister and brother, Kathy and David, and younger brother, Robbie.

In the summer of 1969 we again moved. This time it was closer to my mother and father's families. We settled into a house in Sioux Center, Iowa, which is in Sioux County. We finally settled into a new home in Sioux Center a year later, which holds most of my childhood memories. My parents just sold that home this past year, 1985.

Most every Sunday after church, we would all pile into the car to go and visit both grandpas and grandmas. Usually we went to Grandpa and Grandma Countryman's first. We always found plenty to do on that wonderful old farm — with all of the old outbuildings, the scary machine shed and silo, the apple trees in the front yard, and the cliff at the edge of the road. We always loved to sit on Grandpa's old tractors. Sometimes he would take us for a ride. My cousin Jim Countryman and his family now live in that house, which is just east of Moville, Iowa.

I graduated with my class in the spring of 1980. After school I spent a couple months with my sister Kathy, who was now married to Ed Koeppel and living in Glendale, Arizona. When I returned home in late November, I was soon after engaged to Lauren Sandbulte of Rock Valley, Iowa. We were married on March 21, 1981.

We moved to a small house which was attached to a machine shop in the village of Carmel, Iowa. It lies between Sioux Center and Rock Valley and has a population of about 94. We lived there for about 2½ years. While there we added a cocker spaniel puppy named "Buffy" to our family. In August of 1983, Lauren and I moved to Mesa, Arizona.

Things weren't working out well for us, and in the summer of 1984 Lauren and I separated. This was a very difficult time for me, especially since my family was so far away. Lauren and I were divorced on September 5, 1985, in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona.

Buffy and I now live in a nice condominium in Mesa. I am working for McCleve Construction Company of Gilbert, Arizona. I enjoy my work as administrative assistant. It is interesting work and I get to meet lots of people.

I love Arizona, although I grew up in Iowa; you just can't beat this Arizona sunshine.

by Laurie Harrison

HARRISON, MORRIS & DELORES (COUNTRYMAN)

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Morrie, Rob, and Delores Harrison, taken May 18, 1986, at Sioux Center, Iowa.

Delores, of Delbert, of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredriech.

Delores, daughter of Delbert J. and Millie Jane (Hendricks) Countryman, was born July 30, 1934, at the farm home of her parents 2½ miles east of Moville, Iowa.

I attended country school through eighth grade and received my high school education at Moville High School, graduating in 1952. In August of 1951 I met and started dating Morris Harrison, son of Everett and Leona Harrison, who live on a farm northeast of Lawton, Iowa. Morris has two brothers, Donald and Dale, and two sisters, Carol Green and Shyrl Daniel. In November of 1951 Morris enlisted in the U.S. Marines for three years and spent two years on the USS *Kearseargе* during the Korean Conflict. After graduation I went to Minneapolis to seek employment. I worked there for one year as a stock record clerk for Butler Brothers, a wholesale warehouse. In July of 1953 I moved to Santa Ana, California, and worked in that vicinity doing office work until the winter of 1955 when I returned to Iowa and worked in Sioux City, Iowa, at Holdcroft Transportation Company.

Morris returned from the Marine Corps in November 1954 and we began dating again during the summer of 1955. We were married on March 11, 1956, my dad's 68th birthday, at the Federated Church in Moville, Iowa. Morris was employed by Oliver Corp. in Omaha, Nebraska, at that time. For the first 2½ years of our marriage we lived in a three-room furnished upstairs apartment. I worked for one year at Mutual of Omaha, quitting before our first child was born.

Our four children were all born in Omaha. Kathleen Lynn was born June 14, 1957; David Charles, April 21, 1959; Laurie Ann, November 6, 1961; and Robert Morris, December 14, 1962. Robert had to have a complete blood exchange when he was born, due to an incompatibility of the main types of our blood.

In January of 1967 Morris was promoted to territory manager of an area in south central Iowa, and in August of 1967 we moved to Greenfield, Iowa, where we lived for two years. Morris then transferred to a territory in the northwest corner of Iowa and in August of 1969 we moved to Sioux Center, Iowa.

In October of 1974 I began working as bookkeeper for Tri-State Ag. Corp., a fertilizer and chemical dealership in Sioux Center. My job started out as part time, but soon worked into a full time job with many extra hours during the spring planting season.

During these years in Sioux Center our four children have grown to adulthood. Kathleen married Donald Edward Koeppel on April 21, 1979; David married Denise Anne Popovich on June 6, 1980; and Laurie married Lauren Bruce Sandbulte on March 21, 1981.

Our youngest son, Robert, received all but his first year of schooling at Sioux Center Community Schools, graduating in 1981. Rob enjoyed participating in tack and football. After graduation he worked at Sioux Preme Pack at Sioux Center until he was laid off in March of 1983. In August of 1983 he started college at Vermilion Community College, Ely, Minnesota, taking a two-year program in park and recreation management with law enforcement. Rob was required to work during the summer for a park or national forest service as part of his course. He worked for the National Forest Service at Payson, Arizona, as a firefighter on a helicopter crew. After graduating in May 1985 he returned to Payson and worked until September 1985. At this time he is employed again at Sioux Preme Pack. Rob enjoys hunting, fishing, taxidermy work, canoeing, horseback riding, and almost anything that deals with the outdoors.

In May of 1984 Morris was promoted to sales manager of White Farm Equipment Company, formerly Oliver Corp., and is working out of the Omaha office. In July of 1985 Morris had another position change to credit manager. We finally sold our house in July of 1985 but didn't move to Omaha at that time because the farm economy was very depressed and White Farm was in the process of being sold. In November Allied Products purchased White Farm and on March 28, 1986, we moved to Omaha, Nebraska, again.

Morris has a large collection of Oliver and White farm equipment toys. He also enjoys hobbies of hunting, fishing, photography, and golfing. I enjoy hobbies of knitting, crocheting, fishing, golfing, and bowling.

by Delores Harrison

HART - APLAND

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The Wyoming Countrymans — Laura, of Marvin, of Margaret (Countryman) of Mark Ward, of Charles Raynor.

Laura Denise (Hart) Apland, second daughter of Marvin W. Hart, granddaughter of Millard J. and Margaret (Countryman) Hart, great-granddaughter of Mark Ward and Ida (Irvine) Countryman, and great-great-granddaughter of Charles Raynor and Anna (Bartell) Countryman, was born November 18, 1961, at Bishop Randall Hospital, Lander, Wyoming.

She attended school in Greybull, Wyoming, and married Duane Apland of Greybull and Meeteetse, Wyoming, in July 1978. They presently have two children: a son, Chad, born April 22, 1980; and a daughter, Terra Nicole, born September 1982. The family presently resides in Meeteetse, Wyoming.

Duane Apland, Laura Denise (Hart) Apland holding Chad Duane, Marvin and Bonnie Jean (Johnson) Hart, Margaret (Countryman) Hart, and Millard Hart at reception at Elks Lodge, Lander, Wyoming, June 19, 1981.

by Marvin W. Hart

HART - COLLINGWOOD

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The Wyoming Countrymans — Victoria, of Marvin, of Margaret (Countryman), of Mark Ward, of Charles Raynor.

Victoria Renae (Hart) Collingwood, first daughter of Marvin W. Hart, granddaughter of Millard J. and Margaret (Countryman) Hart, great-granddaughter of Mark Ward and Ida (Irvine) Countryman, great-great-granddaughter of Charles Raynor and Anna (Bartell) Countryman, was born November 18, 1959, at Bishop Randall Hospital, Lander, Wyoming.

She attended schools in Lander and Greybull, Wyoming, graduating from Greybull

Victoria Renae (Hart) Collingwood, Greybull, Wyoming, 1977.

High School, and is presently working on a teaching degree. She married David Collingwood of Greybull, Wyoming, in Greybull in February 1982. They have one son, Jarred, born April 18, 1985. The family presently resides in Greybull, Wyoming.

by Marvin W. Hart

HART, MARGARET (COUNTRYMAN)

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Margaret (Countryman) Hart — 1932.

The Wyoming Countrymans — Margaret, of Mark Ward, of Charles Raynor.

Margaret Helen (Countryman) Hart, second daughter of Mark Ward and Ida Irene (Irvine) Countryman and granddaughter of Charles Raynor and Anna Ethlyn (Bartell) Countryman, was born April 23, 1912, in Alcova, Wyoming. She married Millard J. Hart, son of Marvin and Mary Josephine Hart, in Gering, Nebraska, on December 23, 1932. Two children were born to this marriage, Marvin Wayne Hart, born July 30, 1935, and Mary Katherine Hart, born June 7, 1940.

When Margaret was three months old Mark sold his homestead on Green Mountain, located 60 miles south of Lander, Wyoming, and all his livestock. They packed up their children and household goods in a wagon and headed for Idaho. They got as far as Red Canyon, located approximately 20 miles southwest of Lander on their way to South Pass, Wyoming, when one of the horses became lame. They camped there for three days but the horse got no better, so there was nothing to do but go back to Lander, where they rented a house and spent the winter. In the spring of 1913 Mark, Ida, and their family moved on a ranch they bought, located six miles west of Fort Washakie, and started raising cattle. Besides his herd, Mark ran his parents' cattle on shares.

Margaret started school when she was four years old. Her teacher was Helen Countryman, Mark's youngest sister. As Margaret grew older she enjoyed riding horses and helping with the cattle. She especially enjoyed taking salt to the cattle on the mountains. It was all done with horses. Margaret graduated from Fremont County High School in Lander, Wyoming, in the spring of 1929.

Margaret attended the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming, and taught in the old Countryman school, later to become the Fort Washakie school. She taught at the government school located on the reservation and also in the Lander school system. She was a teacher for many years and well thought of as such. Many of her Indian students went off to college because of her influence.

After her teaching career she helped her husband, Millard, with the family business, and after his death, January 9, 1982, continued to help son Marvin with the business. After a lengthy illness, she passed away on July 22, 1985.

by Marvin W. Hart

HART, MARVIN WAYNE

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Marvin and Nadine (Arnold) Hart, January 7, 1956, Portales, New Mexico.

The Wyoming Countrymans — Marvin, of Margaret (Countryman), of Mark Ward, of Charles Raynor.

Marvin Wayne Hart, the only son of Millard J. and Margaret Helen (Countryman) Hart, grandson of Mark Ward and Ida Irene (Irvine) Countryman, and great-grandson of Charles Raynor and Anna Ethelyn (Bartell) Countryman, was born July 30, 1935, in Lander, Fremont County, Wyoming.

I was raised on the Shoshone Indian Reservation of Fremont County, in Lander, and on the Countryman ranch located on the Sweetwater River 40 miles south of Lander, Wyoming. I attended grade school on the Indian reservation, graduating from the eighth grade from the Episcopal Roberts Mission, established by the historically famous Episcopal minister, Father John Roberts, located approximately five miles southwest of Fort Washakie, Wyoming. I graduated from Fremont County Vocational High School, Lander, in the spring of 1952, and attended Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, New Mexico, in the fall of 1955.

My fondest memories are of the times I lived and worked on my grandparents' ranch (Mark and Ida). Mark was very patient with teaching us boys the way with horses and cattle and the everyday ranch work. I often think that without the guiding hands of my grandfather Mark and my father, Millard Hart, the world would have been very difficult indeed to overcome. Also Grandma Ida, whose love, understanding and strength were always a great influence on us all.

In 1954 during the Korean War, I enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, spending most of the time at Cannon Air Force Base, located seven miles from Clovis, New Mexico, as chief of the expense accounting department for the entire base. During this time I met and later married Adahlia Nadine Arnold on January 6, 1956, in Portales, New Mexico. Our son, Stephen, was born at Cannon Air Force Base on April 17, 1957.

In December 1957 I was discharged from the service and returned to Lander, Wyoming, where I became associated with my father in the excavating business. On November 18, 1959, our oldest daughter, Victoria Renae, was born at Bishop Randall Hospital, Lander, Wyoming. On two years to the day, November 18, 1961, our younger daughter, Laura Denise, was born, also at Bishop Randall Hospital. In the summer of 1966 the children's mother left me.

In March 1969 I married Florence Denver Myers, a very well liked and respected lady of Lander, Wyoming. Florence was one-half Ute Indian, born and raised near Roosevelt, Utah. Shortly after our marriage we discovered she had cancer, and after much pain and suffering she passed away February 12, 1975. On June 20, 1981, I married Bonnie Jean Johnson, a lady I had met a year prior. Bonnie grew up in the Duluth, Minnesota, area. In the fall of 1981 I purchased my father's interest in the family business and continue to operate it.

by Marvin W. Hart

HART, MARY KATHERINE

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The Wyoming Countrymans — Mary, of Margaret (Countryman), of Mark Ward, of Charles Raynor.

Mary Katherine Hart, only daughter of Millard J. and Margaret Helen (Countryman) Hart, granddaughter of Mark Ward and Ida (Irvine) Countryman, and great-granddaughter of Charles Raynor and Anna Ethelyn (Bartell) Countryman, was born June 7, 1940, at Bishop Randall Hospital in Lander, Wyoming. She was raised on the Shoshone Indian Reservation of Fremont

Mary Katherine Hart, about 1944.

County, in Lander, Wyoming, and on the Countryman ranch located on the Sweetwater River 40 miles south of Lander.

Mary Katherine attended grade school on the reservation and in Lander, Wyoming. She graduated from Fremont County Vocational High School in Lander and attended the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming. She graduated from flight attendant school in Dallas, Texas, and flew for Braniff Air Ways out of Dallas. She worked for Boeing Aircraft in Cheyenne, Wyoming; Seattle, Washington; and New Orleans, Louisiana.

Later she was employed by the United States State Department, posted in Washington, D.C.; Bohn, Germany; Saigon, Vietnam for several years during the war; Manilla, Philippines; and Chile.

She passed away December 30, 1977, leaving no children.

by Marvin W. Hart

HART, STEPHEN WAYNE

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The Wyoming Countrymans — Stephen, of Marvin, of Margaret (Countryman), of Mark Ward, of Charles Raynor.

Stephen Wayne Hart, only son of Marvin W. Hart, grandson of Millard J. and Margaret (Countryman) Hart, great-grandson of Mark Ward and Ida (Irvine) Countryman, and great-great-grandson of Charles R. and Anna (Bartell) Countryman, was born April 17, 1957, in the 4451st U.S. Air Force hospital at Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico.

He attended school in Lander, Wyoming, and college in Idaho, Oregon, and California. He married Jo Ellen Walkup of Bishop, California, in Reno, Nevada, in March 1981. Two children to date have come from this marriage: daughter, Katy Jo, born October 1982 in Klamouth Falls, Oregon; and son, Tylor Jennings, born May 1985 in Bakersfield, California. The family presently resides in Bakersfield, California.

by Marvin W. Hart

HOKE, ELIZABETH

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Elizabeth Hoke, wife of John I. Countryman, was the daughter of Mary/Maria Swope and Johannes Hoke of Minden, Montgomery County, New York. She was born about 1773 and died September 07, 1819, with her burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Ford's Bush, New York. John I. Countryman and Elizabeth Hoke were married in the Sand Hill Reformed Church, now Fort Plain, New York, July 19, 1791.

The immigrating Hoke ancestor was Johann Jacob Hoke, who was born about 1695 and married his first wife, whose name is unknown, in Germany. Some of their five children were born in Germany while the family was still living there. Johann came to America on the ship *Mortonhouse* into the port of Philadelphia, arriving August 24, 1728. He was a weaver by trade and a minister of the German Reform Church. They first located in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, then to Manchester Township, York County, Pennsylvania, and from there his descendants migrated to many places across the nation. George, the oldest, was born about 1722 in Germany and wed Anna Barbara Lefever; Susanna married William Schroder /Schrader; Samuel wed Maria Catherin (surname unknown); Jacob wed, but his wife's name is unknown; Eve Dorothea was born July 14, 1730, and wed Jacob Brindley.

Following the death of Johann's first wife he married Anna Margaretha (surname unknown). They had 11 children: Andreas /Andrew was born March 20, 1733, and wed Maria Barbar Eichelberger; Maria Clara was born July 08, 1737, and wed Jacob Swope/Schwab/Swoope; Peter was born October 06, 1739, and wed Maria Dorthea Schmeiser/Smywer; Johannes was born about 1742 and wed Maria Sabrian Swope and they are the parents of Elizabeth; Casper was born January 06, 1744, and wed Anna Margaretha Emich/Emig; Anna Margaretha was born February 17, 1746, and wed John Michael Schmeiser; Conrad wed Elizabeth (surname unknown); Frederick was born about 1750 and wed Margaret Shaves September 06, 1771; John Phillip was born January 05/08, 1752, and possibly died young; John Heinrich was born March/November 16, 1755, and wed Hannah Ferree; Catherine was born about 1760 and wed George Rudy.

Among the transcript of church records that appeared in the *Countryman Genealogy* 1925, I extracted 30 listings that contained Hoke/Countryman connections while trying to help Bernice Hoke Vaughn of Ventura, California, to identify a Mary Hoke who wed –?– Countryman and an Eve Countryman who wed Philip Hoke. She is responsible for providing me with the Hoke information. There is also a limited edition of "I . . . Hoke Bequest" available by contacting Mrs. Jean A. Berlekamp of Green Springs, Ohio.

by Janet (Countryman) Current

HOLLAR, DONNA IRENE (COUNTRYMAN)

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The Wyoming Countrymans — Donna Irene, of Donald Roscoe, of Charles Raynor.

Donna Irene (Countryman) Hollar, second daughter of Roscoe and Mary Etta (Collins) Countryman, was born September 8, 1910, at Split Rock, Wyoming. She was married to William James Hollar (from Ohio, born 1896, died January 8, 1943, in Rawlins) on September 1, 1932, in Walden, Colorado. Hollar (Jim) was an oil field worker. Their daughter, Carole Jean, was born November 24, 1933, in Rawlins, Wyoming. Irene died there December 8, 1979.

Carole married Martin (Max) Hribernick (an oil field worker), son of Mrs. T.J. Wood of Ogden, Utah, on June 17, 1949, in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Elko, Nevada. They had two daughters: Janet Marie, born January 8, 1950; and Debra Jean, born May 31, 1952. Both were born in Rawlins, Wyoming. Carole and Max divorced in 1954. She married Neal Kirk February 13, 1955, in Las Vegas, Nevada, and he adopted the girls. Their daughter, Karen Nan, was born January 6, 1956, in Blue Diamond, Nevada.

Janet had the following children: Carole Irene Clingman (August 27, 1968–April 19, 1985), Nicholas Pavlica (born December 5, 1972), and Joey Rain Pavlica (born June 14, 1974). Debra has one child, Dayshia Lee Koroulis (born February 2, 1977). Karen has three children: John Paul Medina (born April 3, 1979), Damion Medina (born 1981), and Ashley Medina (July 5, 1982).

Donna Irene (Countryman) Hollar worked in several cafes in Rawlins, Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and Tucson, Arizona. When she retired she was working in Jeffrey City, Wyoming, cooking and living with her sister Tiny and Bill Cairns. She moved to Rawlins and kept house for her daughter Carole and Neal Kirk while they operated the Rawlins Locker Plant for two years. Irene and Carole ran the Sinclair Golf Course for two years. At the time of Irene's death (heart condition) she was keeping house for Carole. Carole and Neal are now distributors for Coors Beer in Carbon County, Wyoming.

She Likes Her Customers and She's Impartial

—May 1950

—By Betty Engstrom (*Daily Times* Staff Writer)

"I like people and I treat all my customers alike," said attractive Mrs. Irene Hollar, who this week was named one of the 15 best waitresses in Colorado and Wyoming, when I asked her what she does that most other waitresses apparently do not do when serving patrons.

Mrs. Hollar was chosen by Bob Thomason, a wandering gourmet and executive secretary of the Colorado-Wyoming restaurant assn., who has joined with the magazine *Restaurant Management* in promoting a contest in which America's best waitress of 1950 will be chosen.

Mrs. Hollar, a waitress at Adams Restau-

rant, served Mr. Thomason several months ago when he passed through Rawlins in quest of the 15 best waitresses in Colorado, and Wyoming. She was unaware of his identity and said, when interviewed yesterday, that she would "give anything to see what he looks like."

Her selection enters her in the national contest with the 14 other waitresses from the two states as well as candidates from all over the US.

She received a letter of congratulations early this week from Thomason plus a silver dollar medal citing her for her good service. In the letter to Mrs. Hollar, Thomason stated that he was impressed by her manner, poise and service when she served him and that he was therefore pleased to nominate her for the national contest. Thomason judges waitresses on courtesy, total friendliness, promptness and efficiency.

Mrs. Hollar, a little shy and reticent in talking about her honor, said that she tries hard and feels that she can get along with everyone, but added that most people are naturally friendly and easy to please.

"With me, the customer is always right," she said.

Most people are pretty good tippers, she has found in her 23 years of serving the public. Part of Mrs. Hollar's success and popularity as a waitress comes from her willingness to do the little "extra" services, such as splitting a plate of food for children in a family.

submitted by Dorothy Kimball

HONTS, TERRY & CHERYL (BROWN)

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The Terry Jay Honts family.

Terry Jay, of Rosalie Ann (Reid), of Rosalie (Johnson), of Clyde, of Olivia (Vaughn), of Nancy Ann (Countryman), of John C., of Conrad 3, of Conrad 2, of Conrad 1.

Terry Jay Honts is the son of Gary L. Honts, Wendover, Nevada, and Rosalie Ann (Reid) Honts, North Liberty, Iowa, and the grandson of Richard and Rosalie (Johnson) Reid, Sr., Colmbus Junction, Iowa.

Terry has one sister, Cindy Ann (Honts) Jones, who lives at Coralville Lake Manor with her husband Dan Jones. Terry has a twin brother, Larry Joe Honts, who lives in Coralville, Iowa, with his wife Sherri. One younger brother, Perry Jon Honts, lives in Elko, Nevada.

Terry has lived in all parts of the country. Born in Riverside, California, at March Air Force Base on March 15, 1960, he has also lived in Las Vegas, Nevada; Larimore, North Dakota; spent three and one-half years in Belthoven, Holland; and now resides in Nichols, Iowa.

Terry graduated from West Liberty High School in 1978 and married Cheryl Lynn Brown on July 28, 1979. Cheryl Lynn (Brown) Honts was born July 14, 1960, at St. Lukes Hospital, Davenport, Iowa, to Arlond C. Brown and Sharon Rae (Ellsworth) Brown. Arlond Brown was born July 12, 1936, in Smithville, Oklahoma, and Sharon (Ellsworth) Brown was born December 3, 1940, at Muscatine General Hospital, Muscatine, Iowa.

Terry and Cheryl lived in West Liberty, Iowa, before buying their home in Nichols, Iowa, in January of 1981.

Terry and Cheryl Honts have two sons. Jesse Dean Honts was born December 12, 1983, at Mercy Hospital, Iowa City, Iowa. Michael Jay Honts was born April 12, 1985, at Mercy Hospital, Iowa City, Iowa.

After graduation, Terry was employed by Rohner Machine Works in West Liberty. He is now employed by Proctor & Gamble of Iowa City. He also is a volunteer fireman for the Nichols Fire Department.

Cheryl was employed by the Farmers & Merchants Savings Bank of Lone Tree, Iowa. She presently holds the job of manager at Casey's General Store of Nichols, Iowa.

by Terry Jay Honts

HOWAY, JUNE (COUNTRYMAN)

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June, of George William, of William George, of William Henry, of John, of Conrad III, II, I, of Johan (Hans) Friedrich.

My genealogy starts with: Johann (Hans) Friedrich Gunderman, Conrad Contreman I, Conrad Contreman II, Conrad Countryman III, and on to John Countryman, son of Conrad III.

John Countryman was born November 7, 1807, and wed Nellie Christmas in 1826. Nellie was born April 28, 1808. They had 15 children. Nellie died July 1, 1888; John died October 21, 1890. Both are buried in the Evergreen Cemetery, Clarion, Wright County, Iowa.

William Henry, son of John, was born October 17, 1840, in Herkimer County, New York. He wed Mary Catherine Oroke, born January 25, 1847, in Dekalb County, Illinois. Mary died December 31, 1913; William died April 28, 1903, in Kossuth County, Iowa. Both are buried in Harnson Township Cemetery, Swea City, Iowa. Issue: Harley (March 1866–1869) and Esther Minerva (July 1867–1869), who both died of plague; William George (July 13, 1869–1939); Mary Evelina (born August 24, 1871); Eliza (September 18, 1874–1874); Charles Edwin (born September 18, 1876 in Laporte City, Black Hawk County, Iowa, wed Kate Sweeting, died June 24, 1958); Ida May (August 5, 1880–October 8, 1969); Ellen Endora (March 6, 1882–April 28, 1958); Rosalie (February 23, 1885–1972); and Arthur (May 1889–1889).

William Henry was my great-grandfather. He entered the service during the Civil War at age 21, in Rockford, Illinois, and served from January 17, 1862, with the Memphis, Tennessee, 9th Co. A. 12th Ill. Voluntary Cavalry until discharged January 17, 1866. He moved to Seneca Township, Kossuth County, Iowa, in 1893. He was a farmer and a stone mason. He died on April 28, 1903. He was on his way home after visiting his son in Seneca. It was growing dark and raining, and he lost his way. He wandered into a slough, and fell from exhaustion in the cold water. He was found by a search party in the slough where he died. He was buried in the Harnson Township Cemetery in Swea City, Iowa.

William George Countryman was born July 13, 1869, in Rockford, Illinois, and wed Ida May Debe in 1890. Ida died in 1941. William died in 1939. Ida was born in Mt. Vernon, Linn County, Iowa. Issue: George William, born August 11, 1891, in Clarion, Iowa; Arthur Leroy, born May 4, 1893, Swea City, Iowa, and wed Grace Jorgenson July 1, 1922 (issue: Richard, born October 24, 1923; Marylou, born July 19, 1929; William George, born July 10, 1927, and died July 25, 1977; Charles Jack, born July 1, 1933; Marjorie Ann, born August 4, 1935; and Janice Mae, born April 22, 1938 — Arthur Leroy and his wife Grace are buried in Harnson Township Cemetery at Swea City, Iowa); Clarence, born 1895 and died 1895; and Denzil, born February 26, 1896, died May 8, 1978, wed to Anne Hrdlichka in 1924. Anne died March 20, 1932. Both Denzil and Ann are buried in Walker, Minnesota. (Issue: Nina May, born July 21, 1925; Bette Jean, born September 18, 1927; Alice Marie, born January 25, 1931; Ruth, born November 20, 1932; and Nancy, born August 6, 1941.) William George and his wife, Ida May, are buried in Lakewood Cemetery, Crosby, Minnesota.

George William Countryman was born August 11, 1891, and was wed to Sarah Victoria Jelen June 12, 1919. Sarah was born at Pratt, Steele County, Minnesota. George was born in Clarion, Iowa. George died November 7, 1951; Sarah died February 3, 1981. Both are buried in Lakewood Cemetery, Crosby, Crow Wing County, Minnesota. They had four children: Myrtle May was born March 17, 1921. She was wed to Frank Lamphere on July 17, 1937. Myrtle died August 10, 1972. Frank died March 30, 1961. Both are buried in Lakewood Cemetery, Crosby, Minnesota. June Rose was born June 16, 1923. LaVerne Irene was born April 5, 1926. She was wed to Vilous Buchite on April 20, 1943. Harold George was born January 3, 1928. He was wed to Reva Jones December 31, 1952. Reva died September 7, 1970. Harold remarried September 14, 1975, to Mary Kubesh Bengtson.

George William went to school at LeCenter School, Lee Center Township, Iowa. He moved to Boy River, Minnesota, in 1912. He served in World War I, Co. G. 129th Infantry at Amiens, Somme, Verdun, Meuse, and Argonne sectors. He was burned by poison gas, in a trench, October 15, 1918. He returned to the United States on December 10, 1918. Moving to Crosby, Minnesota, in 1926, he worked in the iron mines there until they closed. They owned Countrymans Inn on Highway 210 for four years, then bought Lymans Cafe in Crosby, which they operated

until his death, from a stroke.

June Rose (Countryman) Howay was born June 16, 1923, at Cass Lake, Cass County, Minnesota. She was wed to Lester Abrahamson on November 20, 1940, and divorced in 1949. Issue: Jeanne Marie, born September 19, 1941, at Crosby, Minnesota; and Vicki Caroline, born August 18, 1947, at Crosby, Minnesota. Jeanne Marie wed Richard Everetts December 15, 1962. Issue: Keith Colon, born May 20, 1961; Pamela Lavone, born March 6, 1965; and Kimberly Lynn, born December 12, 1966. Vicki Caroline married Gordon MacNabb. Issue: Carrie June, born February 20, 1968, in Braham, Minnesota; and Thomas Owen, born January 5, 1970, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. June Rose was married to Lyle Howay September 14, 1963, at Burnsville, Minnesota.

by June R. Howay

HUSTED - BECVAR

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John and Mary (Husted) Becvar. The photo is not dated, but the family believes that perhaps it was taken in 1925 or 1930 for a 25th or 30th wedding anniversary. John died in 1932.

The John J. Becvar family, ca. 1914–16. Standing, left to right: Winslow, John, Katherine, Charles, and Felix. Seated: John and Mary (Husted) Becvar.

Mary, of Sarah T. (Countryman), of Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of Johan Frederich.

Mary Eleanor (Elinor) Husted, daughter of Sarah T. Countryman and John V. Husted, was born March 22, 1880, near Anoka, Minnesota. Her birth must have been a joyous occasion as she was the first daughter born to a large family of sons. Mary was raised by her mother and older brothers as her father died August 13, 1885, when she was five years old. She lived most of her youth in Minneapolis, moving to Pine City, Minnesota, about 1898. It was there she met John Jacob Becvar, her future husband.

John Becvar, son of Katherina and Jacob Becvar, was an industrious and proud Bohemian. In 1892 he left his paternal home in Cleveland, Ohio, to walk with a friend westward to Minnesota, seeking adventure and a new life. He located first near Sleepy Eye, Minnesota. In October of 1899 he began purchasing 160 acres of virgin farmland northeast of Pine City, located in Section 18, Township 39, Range 20. This was in the Hustletown community of Chengwatana Township.

Mary Husted was united in marriage to John Becvar August 23, 1900, at Pine City. Although John had purchased land there and was beginning to clear the land, he and Mary lived in the Vesta–Sleepy Eye area of Minnesota the first few years of their married life. Their first two sons were born there, John Jacob, Jr., May 31, 1901, at Vesta, and Winslow Elias September 13, 1902, near Sleepy Eye. During this time John traveled to and from Pine City to continue clearing the land for farming and building living quarters for his family. By the time their third son, Felix Frederick, was born April 13, 1904, the family had already moved onto the homestead and was settled in their new log cabin. Daughter Katherine Olive was born the following year on July 10, 1905, and son Charles Joseph was born February 18, 1907. By 1917 a new and larger clapboard house and barn had been built on the homestead, and in August of 1921 John and Mary registered their farm name at the local courthouse as Forest Home Farm. There they continued to raise their five children to adulthood.

Son John Jacob, Jr., was married twice, first to Eleanor Churchill in 1922 and secondly to Edith Hamburg in 1929. One child was born to the first marriage, Vernon John Becvar, on January 15, 1923. Vernon and his wife, Gladys, live at Rockford, Illinois. Death came to John Jacob, Jr., on November 17, 1933, while he was visiting his brothers Winslow and Felix in Iowa.

Daughter Katherine Olive Becvar had received certification to teach school and was engaged to be married when she became ill with tuberculosis. She succumbed to the disease January 20, 1927.

Sons Winslow E. and Felix F. Becvar left home as they reached manhood and moved southward to the Colo, Iowa, area where they both married and raised their families.

Youngest son, Charles Joseph, stayed on at Pine City farming the family farm for many years until moving north to Aurora to work in the taconite mines. He is now retired and lives in Pine City.

Father John Becvar died of Parkinson's disease February 8, 1932, at Pine City. Mary, or May as she was often called, died of an asthmatic attack and heart failure December 12, 1956. Both Mary and John are buried in the Hustletown Cemetery near Pine City. Son John and daughter Katherine are also buried there.

by Eileen Klonglan

HUSTED, SARAH (COUNTRYMAN)

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John V. and Sarah (Countryman) Husted, 1882.

Sarah, of Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of Johan Frederich.

Sarah Taylor Countryman, daughter of Rachel Scott and Cornelius Countryman, was born December 26, 1831, in Liberty Township, Sullivan County, New York. She was married there in 1850. She and her husband, John V. Husted, were mobile in the early years of their marriage, farming in Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota. They finally settled near Anoka, Minnesota, about 1874, farming there until John Husted's death in 1885. A few years later Sarah and family moved into Minneapolis where her sons sought better employment. About 1898 Sarah and daughter Mary moved to Pine City, Minnesota, residing there nearly 17 years.

Sarah Countryman and John Husted were parents of ten sons and one daughter: Charles, William, Simon R., Elias W., Joseph J., John Leonard, Marcus D., Frederick, Francis Marion, David Eugene, and Mary Eleanor (Elinor). At the time of her death October 18, 1919, Sarah was living with her son Elias in Minneapolis. She was buried in the Pine City Municipal Cemetery.

by Eileen Klonglan

INKSTER - WEBSTER

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The Wyoming Countrymans — Helen Emily, of Helen (Countryman), of Charles Raynor.

Helen Emily Inkster is the only daughter

of Helen (Countryman) and George Lucas Inkster, and granddaughter of Charles Raynor and Anna (Bartell) Countryman.

Helen Emily was born April 25, 1922, in Casper, Wyoming. She married Francis Mitchell Mowery June 24, 1945, in Pasadena, California, in All Saints Epicsopal Church. No issue. Mitchell Mowery died about 1954. Helen Emily married Dale Webster in June 1957. No issue. Their adopted son, William Webster, was born July 8, 1960.

Helen Emily went to school in Lander, Wyoming. She graduated from the University of Wyoming in 1940. She went two years to Pasadena Play House School. She shared major billing in a road tour of *Charley's Aunt* . She was pianist for a Red Cross show in southern California. In 1939 she was Miss Wyoming at the Thermopolis Rodeo; she was Queen of Lander Pioneer Days in 1940; and she also won first place Beauty Queen in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Helen Emily starred in many movies: *Avalanche* , filmed in Alta, Utah, co-starring Bruce Cabot; *Knock on Any Door* ; *Target* ; *The Californians* ; and several Westerns, one with Charles Starett.

Helen Emily enjoys gardening, flowers, cooking, and entertaining many friends in her beautiful home. She is alao a collector of art.

Like her mother, she enjoys traveling, taking many trips, going in 1960 to London, Paris, and Moscow.

by Dorothy Kimball

INKSTER, GEORGE LUCAS, JR.

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The Wyoming Countrymans — George, of Helen (Countryman), of Charles Raynor.

Helen Emily and George Lucas Inkster, 1932, Lander, Wyoming.

George Lucas Inkster, Jr., is the only son of Helen (Countryman) and George Lucas Inkster, grandson of Charles Raynor and Anna Ethelyn (Bartell) Countryman.

George was born September 15, 1927, in Lander, Wyoming. He married Eve Dulmage November 13, 1958, at the home of his sister in Pasadena, California. They had one child, Laura Clark Inkster, born June 24, 1959. They were divorced in 1963.

George never knew his father as he was killed in an oil refinery explosion before his birth, so his mother and Helen Emily went home to her parents, the C.R. Countrymans in Lander. A few months after George's birth, Helen went to work to support her little family with her mother and brother Charles helping her care for the children.

George graduated from Lander High School in 1945. He enlisted in the Air Force, stationed at Johnson Air Force Base in Japan. He was discharged February 1, 1947. Next he went to California, employed by a large oil company.

His work has kept him away from home a month at a time, going many times to Alaska and Canada, where his company was building a huge refinery plant out of Edmonton, Canada.

George has his own apartment in Pasadena not far from his mother, looking in on her often and helping her in her declining years.

by Dorothy Kimball

INKSTER, HELEN (COUNTRYMAN)

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The Wyoming Countrymans — Helen, of Charles Raynor.

Helen Idella Countryman, 1915, Lander, Wyoming, dressed in a crepe paper dress for a school play.

Helen Idella (Countryman) Inkster, youngest daughter of Charles Raynor and Anna Ethelyn (Bartell) Countryman, was born June 23, 1897, at Split Rock, Wyoming. She married George Lucas Inkster (son of John Inkster, Omaha, Nebraska) on May 11, 1921, at Trinity Episcopal Church, Lander, Wyoming.They had two children: Helen Emily, born April 25, 1922, in Casper, Wyoming; and George Lucas, Jr., born September 15, 1927, in Lander.

One spring when the Sweetwater River was running at its highest peak, little Helen, about six years old, fell into the swiftly moving river and was swept downstream and lodged against a bank where she clung on to some low hanging willows and managed to pull herself to safety. Running home dripping wet, she exclaimed to her mother, "Mark told you to keep me away from that river."

Helen graduated from Lander High School in 1916. She was secretary-treasurer of her class. That fall she taught in the first Countryman School which was held in her brother Mark's cabin. Her pupils consisted of the three oldest Countrymans, four Browns, and one Indian boy, Benjamin Pete Pehora.

Helen was next employed by the post office in Lander. Here she met George Inkster, a bookkeeper in Lander State Bank. They were wed in Lander, going to Omaha, Nebraska, on their honeymoon to meet his parents and firends.

They returned to Casper, Wyoming, 666 C.Y. Ave., where they bought a grocery store and a Dodge International pickup to deliver groceries. Here Helen Emily was born April 25, 1922. To supplement his earnings, George worked for White Eagle Oil Refinery and it was here he met his fate — in a steam and hot water explosion resulting in his death in 1927, when Helen Emily was five years old.

Helen, with her small daughter, returned to her parents' home in Lander. George Lucas, Jr., was born September 15, 1927. When baby George was a few months old, Helen went to work for M.N. Baldwin Mercantile for several years. Then she worked as a receptionist for Drs. Replogle and Holtz, a position she held for many years until she moved to California to be near her children. In July 1959 Helen was again employed by Drs. Victor J. Sprauer and LaPeyre in Los Angeles, California, for about seven years until she retired in 1972.

Helen is still an active member of the Order of Eastern Star, goes to the Episcopal Church and at times plays her piano. Like most grandmothers she has been in demand many times as a baby sitter.

Helen loves to travel, going in May 1963 to Amsterdam to see John and Pauline Inkster, and again to see them in Houston, Texas. While there she went to a ball game in the Astrodome and toured the Space Center. In 1967 Helen went to Hawaii and later to Alaska.

Through the years she returns to Lander to see her many friends and relatives.

by Dorothy Kimball

IRVINE - FERRY

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The Wyoming Countrymans — Helen, of Edna, of Charles Raynor.

My mother, Edna Fanchon Countryman, was the fifth child and second daughter of her parents, Charles Raynor and Anna Ethel (Bartell) Countryman. I am the fifth child and second daughter of my parents, Dudley Knight Irvine and Edna Fanchon (Countryman) Irvine. At this time all nine of their children are living.

I was born at the family ranch on North Fork of Sage Creek, usually referred to as rural Fort Washakie, Wyoming, on the Shoshoni Indian Reservation.

Our mother taught us at home until the school district provided us with a school in 1924. She also taught the school the first year it was established, 1924–1925. I attended high school in Lander, Wyoming, and graduated May 19, 1933, from Fremont County Vocational High School, now known as Lander Valley High School, with a certificate in normal training. This entitled me to teach in rural schools in Wyoming for a term of one year, after which additional credits in education from an accredited college must be earned. These credits were acquired from the University of Wyoming by means of correspondence courses. I taught one year (1934–1935) at Leo, Wyoming, a rural community in Carbon County, Wyoming, and part of one school term in 1941 at the Yellowstone Ranch in Fremont County, resigning at mid-term.

I married William Ellsworth Ferry (May 1, 1916) on May 28, 1937, at Lander, Wyoming. We were married by the Honorable Judge George F. Dobler in his chambers. Our witnesses were Manual Ward Countryman and Irene Ferry Hambrick. We made our home in Lander. We have three children, Richard, Janet, and Raymond. All three of our children attended school in Lander, graduated from Lander Valley High School and the University of Wyoming.

Richard William Ferry, born August 24, 1939, married Susan Kathleen O'Bryan on June 9, 1962, at Casper, Wyoming. They have two children, Shaun William, born June 15, 1964, and Darcey Nicole, born December 11, 1966.

Janet Kathleen Ferry, born April 28, 1942, married Frederick Paul Black II on October 13, 1962, at Lander, Wyoming. They were divorced in May 1980. Their two children are Paula Laurette, born December 2, 1967, and Christopher Gwynn, born July 1, 1970.

Raymond Michael Ferry, born December 3, 1943, married Judith Frances Layng on September 13, 1964, at Lander, Wyoming. They have two children, Lynne Marie, born February 8, 1965, and Lisbeth Kathleen, born May 25, 1966.

In January 1950 I was employed as receptionist-bookkeeper in the office of Dr. Richard D. Martin, a practitioner in general dentistry in Lander, Wyoming. In the summer of 1950, chair-side assisting was added to my duties. I assisted in all dental procedures and operations and laboratory techniques in conjunction with all dental prostheses and appliances. I received my certification in dental assisting in the state of Wyoming in 1966. I retired from the dental profession in September 1977. After a year's leisure, I was employed as salesperson in a local hardware in Lander until March 1982.

My husband, William E. Ferry, was an accomplished auto mechanic, welder, and diesel engineer. He worked in the garage of the International Harvester dealership, owned and operated by his father, W.H. Ferry, in Lander. In 1942 he purchased a one-third interest in the company. In April 1944, during World War II, he took a leave of absence and enlisted in the navy. This business was sold in December of 1944. W.E. Ferry served aboard the U.S.S. *Lanier* in the Pacific Theatre of war until his honorable discharge in November 1945.

After his return from the service he was employed in several garages in Lander and Riverton, Wyoming. In August 1954 he assumed ownership and managed Walt's Station, a gasoline wholesale and retail business. Bill engaged in this business until 1967 when the property was sold. In the spring of 1967 he was employed as mechanic at Fremont Motor Company — a position he held until his retirement in 1983. My husband died in December 1984.

My elder son, Richard, an attorney-at-law, presently resides in Berkley, California, with his wife Kaye and their two children. My son Michael, an artist/teacher, resides in Fullerton, California, with his wife Judith and two daughters. My daughter, Janet Black, a real estate broker, resides with her two children at Cheyenne, Wyoming.

I still reside in the family home at Lander, Wyoming, pursuing my interest in art, pottery, and restoring and dressing antique and collectable dolls.

by Helen Louise (Irvine) Ferry

IRVINE, DOUGLAS K. & HAZEL (ANDERSON)

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The Wyoming Countrymans — Douglas, of Edna (Countryman), of Charles Raynor.

As of this date, January 1, 1986, I am the oldest living grandchild of C.R. and Anna Countryman. Having left ranch and mountain life in the mid thirties, I started city life as a cook at the Fremont Cafe in Lander, Wyoming. One of my earlier jobs was in Deadwood, South Dakota, where I met my wife, Hazel Ellen (Anderson) Brownson. Hazel's son, Kenneth Cary Brownson, my stepson, was three and one-half years old at the time of our marriage in 1941.

In April of 1943, we came to Los Angeles, California, to work in the shipyard (Western Pipe and Steel) at San Pedro, California.

November 12, 1945, I went back to cooking when I was employed by the Pacific Dining Car, Los Angeles, California.

Kenneth Cary had his name changed while a freshman at U.C.L.A. to Kenneth Cary Irvine. Hazel and I have no other children.

My heirs are my wife, Hazel, and Kenneth Cary Irvine. My grandchildren are Karye Kaye (Irvine) Hood, Kirk James Irvine, and Kevin Andrew Irvine. Kirk James and Loydene Jayne (Pohle) Irvine have one child, Kirk James Irvine, Jr. Karye Kaye Hood and Paul Hood have one child, Christopher Paul Hood.

We all live in suburbs of Los Angeles, California.

by D.K. Irvine

IRVINE, DUDLEY & EDNA (COUNTRYMAN)

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The Wyoming Countrymans — Edna, of Charles Raynor.

Dudley Knight Irvine, fourth son of Rose Amelia (Gallup) and James Francis Irvine, was born November 25, 1889.

Edna Fanchon Countryman, fifth child of Charles Raynor and Anna Ethelyn (Bartell) Countryman, was born March 27, 1889.

Dudley Knight Irvine and Edna Fanchon Countryman were married August 17, 1908, in Casper, Wyoming. To them were born nine children, seven sons and two daughters, as follows:

Douglas Knight Irvine, born July 31, 1909; Marjorie AnnaRose Irvine, born June 8, 1911; Donald Wilson Irvine, November 5, 1913; Kenneth Clark Irvine, October 13, 1915; Helen Louise Irvine, April 23, 1917; Raynor Donovon Irvine, April 13, 1919; duncan Wendell Irvine, September 23, 1922; Josef Francois Irvine, December 1, 1924; and Stanley Craig Irvine, December 11, 1926.

Four of the children were born on the ranch without aid of a doctor or midwife.

Edna F. (Countryman) Irvine died at the age of 37 — December 21, 1926, when her baby was ten days old. The baby, Stanely Craig Irvine, was raised by an aunt and uncle, Ida (Irvine) and Mark W. Countryman. They also raised nine children of their own and had a cow ranch in the vicinity of Ft. Washakie, Wyoming.

Dudley Knight Irvine died November 15, 1935. He was a rancher all his adult life. He and his wife, Edna F. (Countryman) Irvine, operated a ranch on Sage Creek northwest of Ft. Washakie, on the Windriver Indian Reservation.

All the children attended grammar school at home or in a one-room schoolhouse, taught most of the time by their mother, Edna F. (Countryman) Irvine, who was an accredited teacher.

At this time (1985) all nine of the Irvine children are living: Douglas Knight Irvine and wife Hazel, Glendale, California; Marjorie (Irvine) Murphy, a widow, Lander, Wyoming; Donald Wilson Irvine and wife Bessie, Hudson, Wyoming; Kenneth Clark Irvine and wife Edna Jean, Lander, Wyoming; Helen (Irvine) Ferry, a widow, Lander, Wyoming; Raynor Donovon Irvine, a widower, Pine Valley, California; Duncan Wendell Irvine and wife Julia, Lander, Wyoming; Josef Francois Irvine and wife Lottie, Coos Bay, Oregon; and Stanley Craig Irvine, a widower, Dubois, Wyoming.

by Kenneth C. Irvine

IRVINE, KENNETH & EDNA (HORNECKER)

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The Wyoming Countrymans — Kenneth, of Edna (Countryman), of Charles Raynor.

Kenneth Clark Irvine, fourth child of Dudley Knight and Edna (Countryman) Irvine, was born October 13, 1915, at home on a ranch on Sage Creek northwest of Ft. Washakie, Wyoming, on the Windriver Indian Reservation.

Kenneth attended school in a one-room schoolhouse and at home on the family ranch. Most of the time he was taught by his mother, Edna F. (Countryman) Irvine. He completed the eighth grade and never went to high school.

June 24, 1939, Kenneth Clark Irvine married Edna Jean Hornecker. She was born March 5, 1920, the first child of John Martin Hornecker and Mary Jeanette (Doane) Hornecker.

Kenneth started working at the age of 14 for farmers, ranchers, and others. His first job of any importance was when he and two brothers, Douglas Knight Irvine and Donald Wilson Irvine, worked as extras (Indian Warriors) in the first John Wayne movie show (*The Big Trail*) filmed in 1930 at Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Kenneth worked in the ranching industry until June 1941 when he went to work for an independent oil company. After four years he gained employment with Stanolind Oil & Gas Co., a subsidiary of Standard Oil Co. of Indiana. He worked for this company for 34 years and eight months. During that time threr were three name changes: Pan American Petrolium Corporation, Amoco Production Company, and now Amoco Corporation. Kenneth retired in 1980.

Kenneth C. and wife Edna J. (Hornecker) Irvine raised three children: Duane Kenneth, born June 23, 1940; Dudley Eugene, born September 2, 1941; and one daughter, Mary Edna (Polly), born November 13, 1943.

Kenneth C. and Edna J. (Hornecker) Irvine are both retired and reside on a small farm near Lander, Wyoming. The farm was originally homesteaded by Edna Jean's grandfather, Albert Hornecker, in the year of 1884.

Kenneth and Edna J. have 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Duane K. Irvine married Edna Louise Brannan from Maybell, Colorado, December 16, 1972. She had one son and Duane adopted him. He is Lonnie Allen Irvine, birth date April 21, 1968. Their other two sons are Aaron Duane, born November 30, 1973; and Dale Kenneth, born February 15, 1976. They reside in Lander, Wyoming.

Dudley Eugene Irvine and Patricia Estele Penton were married February 3, 1959. They have three boys and two daughters: Dudley Martin, born August 29, 1959; John Kenneth, born June 17, 1961; Jason Todd, born November 19, 1962; Deanette Diane (Dee Dee), born July 13, 1966; and Jenothy Estele (Jennie), born April 9, 1971. Dudley and Patricia with their two daughters live in Lander, Wyoming.

Mary Edna (Polly) Irvine married Terry L. Olson March 31, 1963. They have three sons and one daughter. The boys are Bobbie Lynne, born August 14, 1963; Kenneth Michael, born January 4, 1965; and Daniel Eugene, born May 8, 1970. Their daughter, Chandra Sue, was born January 29, 1974.

Grandsons of Kenneth C. and Edna J. (Hornecker) Irvine who are married are sons of Dudley E. and Patricia (Penton) Irvine.

Dudley Martin married Margaret Milek June 2, 1979. They have one daughter, Heather Ann, born September 15, 1984. They live in Lander, Wyoming.

John Kenneth married Betty Jane Short August 23, 1980. They have four children: Joshua David, born February 2, 1981; Daniel Kenneth, born October 19, 1982; John Knight, born October 13, 1983; and a daughter, Jamie Marie, born June 18, 1985. John Kenneth is in the Marines at El Toro Marine Base. They live in Anaheim, California.

Jason Todd Irvine married Nancy Holden February 16, 1980. They have three children: Kilynn Jill, born May 16, 1980; Jessica Kay, born February 27, 1982; and Jason Cassidy, born May 16, 1984. They reside in Lander, Wyoming.

by Kenneth C. Irvine

Note: Kenneth Irvine passed away in August 1986.

JACKSON, ETHLYN (COUNTRYMAN)

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Ethlyn (Countryman) Jackson and her sons, taken July 23, 1983. Left to right: Ned, Ethlyn, Chris, and Alex.

a.k.a. Ethlyn Countryman, M.D.

Ethlyn, of Roger Simmons, of Marcellus L., of Peter Fort, of Daniel, of George, of Conrad 1st.

I am the oldest child of Dr. Roger Simmons Countryman, born February 20, 1895, and Dr. Dorothy Moody Trapp, born in British Columbia on August 8, 1897. I was born on August 16, 1925, in St. Paul, Minnesota, and grew up there with my sisters, Dorothy and Neita, and brother, Roger S. Countryman, Jr. Daddy had a very busy obstetric practice and I remember Mother's standard response to invitations was always, "We'll be there, barring accidents and babies."

My father's brother Marcellus L. Countryman, Jr. ("June") and his wife and five children lived just around the corner and our two families spent many enjoyable times together. We also spent happy vacation days near Danbury, Wisconsin, with Grandfather and Grandmother Countryman at their summer place high on a hill between two lakes. Grandfather was a lawyer, but in the summer his hobbies of fruit and vegetable gardening and fishing provided many memorable meals.

I was educated at Summit School in St. Paul and Wellesley College near Boston and, following in both my mother's and father's footsteps, went on to the University of Minnesota Medical School, graduating in 1953. My internship was at San Francisco General Hospital where I met and married a fellow intern, Peter Edward Jackson, on April 10, 1954. (The marriage was dissolved in 1979.) We stayed another year in that wonderful city and then spent the next five years living in Texas, Hawaii, and Pennsylvania, courtesy of the United States Army.

Our three sons were each born in a different state: Peter Christian ("Chris") on August 11, 1957, in Hawaii (though calling it a state isn't accurate, as it wasn't at that time); Alexander William ("Alex") on April 29, 1959, in Pennsylvania; and Edward Alan ("Ned") on September 4, 1961, in California. Peter had resigned from the army in 1961 and we had moved to the beautiful West Valley area of San Jose, 50 miles south of San Francisco, where we have lived in the lovely small towns of Saratoga and Los Gatos ever since.

Over the years, in addition to raising a family, I have been able to use my medical degree in several different practices. During Peter's army years I was a civilian doctor in the out-patient departments of the hospitals where he was stationed. Tripler in Hawaii was especially "good duty"! Once we settled in California I was, for most of the '60s, on the staff of Stanford University's student health service. I took a vacation from medicine while the boys were going through their teen years and becoming young men on their own. Now (1986) I am back in practice on a "semi-retired" basis, filling in for other doctors at various industrial companies here in Silicon Valley. I am also an active volunteer in church and community organizations.

Though there are no grandchildren on the scene yet, Ned married Paulette Eaton (born November 10, 1959, in La Mesa, California) on May 25, 1986, so it's just a matter of time.

by Ethlyn Countryman Jackson

JOHNSON - GRAY

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Pearl, of Clyde, of Olivia, of Nancy Ann (Countryman), of John C., of Conrad 3, of Conrad 2, of Conrad 1.

Pearl (Johnson) Gray, daughter of Clyde and Emma (Mitchell) Johnson, was born September 28, 1920, at Wyoming, Iowa. She was a twin of Earl. Pearl was living in the Iowa City, Iowa, area and working at the Owens Brush Company at the time of her death. She married Woodrow W. Gray January 16, 1937, at Wapello, Iowa, and died February 7, 1979, after a severe stroke in December of 1978. She was laid to rest beside her parents in the Indian Creek Cemetery near Columbus Junction, Iowa. Five children were born to this family.

Woodrow W. Gray, Jr., was born August 19, 1937. After attending school at West Branch, Iowa, he entered the Navy for four years. He

never married.

Mary Etta, the oldest daughter, was born September 22, 1938, and graduated from the West Branch school. She married Jaro Frank Hora November 22, 1958, at West Branch, Iowa. Two children were born to this marriage: Jeffery Allen, born July 7, 1959; and Barbara Jo, born January 18, 1965. Mary Etta was divorced in 1978 and remarried to –?– Rowdy.

Judy Kaye, the second daughter, was born August 25, 1941. She attended the West Branch school and married Don Eugene Ohrt November 1, 1957. Four children were born to this marriage: Wayne Alan, born May 22, 1958; Steven Eugene, born May 29, 1959; Gary David, born April 18, 1962; and Katherine Kaye Ohrt, only daughter, born April 28, 1965. Wayne Ohrt married Devalyn Meixner February 17, 1979. They are the parents of two children: Stephanie Ann, born August 31, 1979; and Stacie, born March 4, 1981. Steven Ohrt married Linda Rae Kallenberger August 2, 1980, at Tipton, Iowa. Gary Ohrt married Sandra J. Behrens September 29, 198–, at the First United Methodist Church in Tipton, Iowa. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Behrens of rural Tipton.

Jerry Neil Gray, second son, was born July 6, 1944, and attended school at West Branch, Iowa. He enlisted in the Marines and served his time of four years. He married Peggy Colleen Clarahan in 1965 or 1966. They were the parents of two daughters: Kristina Colleen, born November 14, 1966; and Kari Ann, born May 1, 1969. Jerry and Peggy were divorced and remarried.

Nadine Eileen, third daughter, was born July 25, 1946. She married Wendell Dean Gerrard February 18, 1967, in the Methodist Church, Iowa City, Iowa. They were the parents of three children: Kimberly Sue, born July 23, 1967; Tammy Lynn, born May 14, 1969; and Michael Yancy, born April 26, 1970.

by Rosalie (Johnson) Reid

JOHNSON, CLAIR & DOROTHY (REID)

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Clair, of Clyde, of Olivia, of Nancy Ann (Countryman), of John C., of Conrad 3, of Conrad 2, of Conrad 1.

Clair "Buster," first son of Clyde and Emma (Mitchell) Johnson, was born May 11, 1908, Jackson County, Iowa, where he attended the rural schools. He grew up in the Maquoketa Caves area, and remembers shooting the bobbers off the fishing lines of his brother and cousins while they were fishing. He recalls going rattlesnake hunting, another highlight in his younger days. His hobby was collecting guns. He was married to Dorothy D. Reid December 4, 1935. She was the daughter of David Thomas and Margaret Lydia (Wheeler) Reid, born September 30, 1921, Louisa County, Iowa. They are the parents of three children, Clair Dean, Beverly Joan, and Audrey Elaine.

Clair Dean was born August 29, 1938, Louisa County, Iowa. He married Sandra Lee McKean July 19, 1958. They were the parents of two children. Their daughter, Rhonda Lee, born July 23, 1959, was married and divorced. Their son is Chad Eugene, born June 8, 1961. (Married ?)

Beverly Joan, born October 27, 1942, married Ronald Joseph Alva, Sr., January 19, 1961. They were divorced in 1979, California. They were the parents of two children, Debra Kay, born August 3, 1961, and Ronald Joseph, Jr., born July 31, 1962. Beverly Joan married second Ronald Kott in the 1980s.

Audrey Elaine, born March 23, 1948, married Steven Charles Garrett June 7, 1968, at Columbus Junction (Iowa) United Presbyterian Church. They are the parents of two sons. Craig Alan was born February 25, 1970, at Washington, Iowa. Christopher Jon was born September 1, 1972, at Redlake, Minnesota.

by Rosalie (Johnson) Reid

JOHNSON, CLYDE & EMMA (MITCHELL)

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Emma and Clyde Johnson.

Clyde, of Olivia, of Nancy (Countryman), of John C., of Conrad 3, of Conrad 2, of Conrad 1.

Clyde, fourth son of Olivia A. (Vaughn) and Lewis M. Johnson, was born June 19, 1888, at Guide Rock, Nebraska. He married Emma Alfretta Mitchell October 5, 1907, at Baldwin, Iowa. She was the daughter of Jerome and Lois Josephine (Hambell) Mitchell, and was born in Jackson County, Iowa, January 17, 1888. Her grandfather came with his family to Jackson County in the early 1850s.

Clyde worked at various jobs during his life, being a farmer and carpenter. Living in Rock Island, Illinois, he worked for the John Deere Plow Company in the early 1900s, and also was a conductor on the streetcars of Rock Island. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary October 5, 1957, at their home in Fredonia, Iowa, where they made their home after retiring, and observed their 60th year of married life together on October 5, 1967.

They had a family of ten children, six sons and four daughters. Four sons served during World War II, Lester being wounded in Germany.

Clair , the oldest son, was born May 11, 1908, and married Dorothy D. Reid December 4, 1935. *Floyd* , the second son, was born April 9, 1911. He married Leola Mae Scharff July 13, 1932, in Aledo, Illinois. *Galilee* , the first daughter, was born June 4, 1913. She married Henry A. Wagner May 11, 1935, at Amboy, Illinois. *Kenneth* , the third son, was born October 24, 1915, and married Ardelle Pierce in Texas October 24, 1942. *Rosalie* , the second daughter, was born June 17, 1918. She married Richard Raymond Reid August 31, 1935, in Illinois. *Pearl* , the third daughter, was born September 28, 1920, and married Woodrow W. Gray January 16, 1937, at Wapello, Iowa. *Earl* , the fourth son and twin to Pearl, was born September 28, 1920, at Wyoming, Iowa. He married Arlene A. Allen July 10, 1941, at Kahoka, Missouri. *Lester* , the fifth son, was born January 19, 1923, and was married to Dorothy H. Barnhart October 9, 1943. *LaVille* , the sixth son, was born February 4, 1925, at Rock Island, Illinois. He married Mildred Joann Lutz at Nashua, Iowa, September 17, 1946. *Glatha Arlene* , the fourth daughter, was born December 1, 1927, at LeClair, Iowa. She was married to Dale Wall, then to Gerald A. Seitz July 13, 1951.

Clyde lived to age 81 years. He died at the Washington County Hospital, Washington, Iowa, March 20, 1969. He was buried at the Indian Creek Cemetery east of Columbus Junction, Iowa. Our mother died at the Washington Hospital on December 14, 1970.

by Rosalie (Johnson) Reid

JOHNSON, FLOYD

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The wedding photo of Floyd Johnson and Leola May Hurs Scharff, July 13, 1932.

Floyd, of Clyde, of Olivia, of Nancy Ann (Countryman), of John, of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I.

My father, Clyde Johnson, was born June 19, 1888, at Guide Rock, Nebraska. When he was seven years old, his father came to Iowa in covered wagons; they settled in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in the year 1895. He was pretty handy with what he undertook. He was a carpenter, farmer, factory worker, and streetcar motorman.

He was in business at Wyoming, Iowa. He ran a shoe repair shop and shoe store, and he sold cream and eggs. He went back to farming

after that and went broke. He returned to work in Rock Island, Illinois, at the John Deere Planter Works. He bought ten acres at Le Claire, Iowa, in 1924. He built a new house and barn on the place, then traded it off for farm equipment and stock and went back to farming until he retired. They traveled a lot, but Mom didn't drive so Dad did it all.

Dad was of Welch and Pennsylvania Dutch descent. He died March 20, 1969.

Mom was half French, ¼ blood Cherokee Indian, and the other ¼ of unknown origin. She was born at Maquoketa, Iowa, on January 17, 1888, and died on December 14, 1970. She had a half brother and sister, Inie Schaffer and Bud Schaffer. Her maiden name was Emma Josephine Micheal. Her father was in some way connected with the Jesse James gang. They would come after dark and stay till just before daylight. She told about them having their guns by their beds at all times.

Dad and Mom were married at Maquoketa, Iowa, on October 5, 1907. To them were born ten children: Claire Johnson, born May 11, 1908; Floyd Johnson, born April 9, 1911; Galilee Johnson Wagerner, born June 4, 1913; Kenneth Johnson, born October 24, 1915; Rosalee Johnson Reid, born June 17, 1918; Earl Johnson, born September 28, 1920; Pearl Johnson Gray, born September 28, 1920; Lester Johnson, born January 19, 1923; Lovill Johnson, born February 4, 1925; and Glatha Johnson Seitz, born December 1, 1927.

At this writing I am 74 years old, in good health, like to travel and do the same. I married Leola May Hurs Scharff on July 13, 1932. She was born at Princeton, Iowa, on June 14, 1913. Leola's stepfather was a farmer. She was adopted by her stepfather. Leola wasn't very well most of her life, but she was a wonderful person. She liked to please everyone and was always willing to help people.

We had two children; our first was a boy born on June 15, 1933, stillborn. Our second child was a girl, born June 14, 1935. She was named Marilyn June. She sort of got horse crazy at the early age of three. She got so she could ride about anything that had four legs. At the time of this writing, she is an entertainer and singer at supper clubs.

Marilyn had five children with her first husband, Wilbur Sprout. Wilbur was killed in a tractor accident in October of 1979. She remarried Irv Hinkel.

Marilyn's children are: Vickie June Sprout, born February 1, 1954; Bonnie Lou Sprout Petersen, born July 23, 1956; Terry Lee Sprout, born March 17, 1960; Mark Alan Sprout, born August 11, 1964; and Michael Leon Sprout, born October 17, 1971. Vickie died at the age of seven years in 1961.

Bonnie has two children: Christopher Jon Petersen, born August 30, 1974; and Amy Mae Petersen, born March 30, 1977. Bonnie and David Petersen were married at Wheatland, Iowa, on February 16, 1974.

Terry Lee Sprout and Krissie Clark got married in Bellevue, Iowa, on December 22, 1984. Krissie was born at Bellevue on April 8, 1961.

by Floyd Johnson

JOHNSON, KENNETH & ARDELLE (PIERCE)

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Kenneth, of Clyde, of Olivia (Vaughn), of Nancy Ann (Countryman), of John C., of Conrad 3, of Conrad 2, of Conrad 1.

I was born in Rock Island, Illinois, on October 24, 1915. I am the fourth child of Emma (Michael) and Clyde Johnson. At the time of my birth my father was a streetcar motorman. My parents moved quite often and Dad was involved in many occupations — carpenter, factory worker, farmer, and streetcar motorman. Therefore, his children are talented in various professions. I worked in the construction field , as a sheet metal worker, until my retirement, but I learned carpentry, plumbing, electrical wiring, auto mechanics, and farming as I was growing up. We lived in many different places so we saw a lot of the Iowa and Illinois country.

There was always a lot of chores and we had to make our own entertainment, so I started playing the guitar and mandolin. My brothers and sisters did not like to listen to my music, so they would usually send me to the barn for my practice sessions! With ten kids in the family there was always something going on — like putting a skunk in the feed bin to play a trick on a brother, only to have Dad feed that day and get the full impact of the trick! We saw some rough years but we were loved and have some good memories of our parents.

At 21 years of age I left home and the life of a farmer to work in a foundry in Rock Island, Illinois. In March 1941 I went into the armed forces and training at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. I was assigned to the 633rd Tank Destroyer Battalion during World War II. In 1942 I met Ardelle Pierce in Waco, Texas, and we were married October 24, 1942. Later I was shipped overseas and attached to the 3rd Army, commanded by General George C. Patton in Europe. I was discharged and returned to the U.S. in October 1945.

My wife was born September 17, 1923, at Dickens, Texas. Her parents farmed ten miles east of the Dickens County seat. She is an accomplished seamstress and quilt designer. She sells many of them, when her children or grandchildren don't get them first.

We have lived several places but now have a home in Dickens across from the old courthouse., At present I am remodeling and adding on to our home. I enjoy traveling, fishing, and treasure hunting. I have not found anything worthwhile yet! Rock hunting and inventing are other things I enjoy. I also farm the old Pierce farm ten miles east of Dickens. We attend the Dickens Church of Christ. I am 70 years old and in great health.

My children are:

Sandra Paulette — March 2, 1944 — Spur, Texas. She is married to Douglas Williams and they have three children, Dennis Christopher, Eric Collin, and Daniel Wesley. They farm three miles west of Idalou, Texas. Sandye is an artist and basketmaker and Doug is a writer of southwest folklore and writes for a local paper. They also have an art and crafts business, 'Sandye's Country'. They are members of the Nazarene Church.

Brenda Louise — September 27, 1946 — Davenport, Iowa. She is married to Weldon D. Browning. They have no children. At this time they are building their house west of New Deal, Texas. Brenda is a service representative for Southwestern Bell Telephone and oil paints in her spare time. Dewayne is also a service rep. for Southwestern Bell and sings for various functions in the community. They attend Trinity Inter-Denominational Church.

Toby K. — September 9, 1948 to June 16, 1957. Born at Lubbock, Texas, he was nine years old when killed in a bicycle-car accident in Idalou, Texas.

Randall — March 27, 1952 — Lubbock, Texas. He is married to Janet Beshir and they have one son, Randall Jay. Randy has one daughter, Shonda Leigh, from a former marriage, and a stepson, Andy. Randy is an all-around cowboy; he trains quarter horses and has been in rodeo competition. He pencil sketches when he has the time. Janet is a creative and talented seamstress and enjoys riding horses. They attend the Assembly of God Church.

by Kenneth Johnson

JOHNSON, LEWIS & OLIVIA (VAUGHN)

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Lewis M. and Olivia (Vaughn) Johnson. This picture was possibly taken in April 1926 for their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Olivia, of Nancy Ann (Countryman), of John C., of Conrad 3, of Conrad 2, of Conrad 1.

Olivia Almelia Vaughn, daughter of Nancy Ann (Countryman), lived with her father and Grandmother Vaughn until her marriage to Lewis Melvin Johnson April 18, 1876, in Jones County, Iowa. Lewis was a son of Jacob and Laura (Cooley) Johnson, born May 21, 1854. They left Iowa after their marriage and settled at Guide Rock, Nebraska, where they farmed with her father.

Nine of their children were born in Nebraska. The family had many hardships in the

years they lived in Nebraska. I've heard the folks tell of burning corn and cow chips to keep the home warm. In the late 1800s they returned to Iowa by covered wagon and settled at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where their last child was born. The early 1900s they moved to Jackson County at Baldwin, Iowa, and bought a little home there. Although they lived in different places, they returned to their home in the later years of their lives.

Grandma and Grandpa lived to their 50 years of marriage on April 18, 1926. Grandpa died the next year at the home in Baldwin on October 6, 1927. Grandma lived until January 18, 1933. Both are buried at the Pence Cemetery near Baldwin.

Ten children were born to Olivia and Lewis Johnson: *Earl* , born February 23, 1877, Webster County, Nebraska, died October 27, 1877, buried at Guide Rock, Nebraska; *Millie* , born June 27, 1878, Webster County, Nebraska, died July 6, 1878, buried at Guide Rock, Nebraska; *Carl* , born June 15, 1880, Webster County, Nebraska, died March 23, 1951, at Maquoketa, Iowa, buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Maquoketa; *Nora* , born December 3, 1881, Webster County, Nebraska, died March 5, 1953, buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Maquoketa, Iowa; *Claude* , born July 12, 1883, Nebraska, died November 1, 1936, Maquoketa, Iowa, buried at the Pence Cemetery near Baldwin, Iowa; *Clyde* , born June 19, 1888, Guide Rock, Nebraska, died at the Washington County Hospital, Washington, Iowa, March 20, 1969, buried at the Indian Creek Cemetery near Columbus Junction, Iowa; *Clair* , born December 25, 1889, Guide Rock, Nebraska, died September 19, 1891, and buried at Guide Rock; *Ruby* , born October 12, 1891, at Guide Rock, Nebraska, died at the Maquoketa Hospital December 17, 1970, buried at Pence Cemetery near Baldwin, Iowa; *Baby Johnson* , born November 7, 1893, died September 19, 1894, buried at the Guide Rock Cemetery; and *Hazel Ethany* , born February 11, 1896, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, died September 22, 1964, Scott County, Iowa.

by Rosalie (Johnson) Reid

JONES, CURTIS WARD

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Curtis, of Esther (Rhue), of Maybelle (Countryman), of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Curtis Ward Jones, second son of Clayton and Esther (Rhue) Jones, was born in Moville, Iowa, October 12, 1931. He is a great-grandson of A.J. and Sabrina (Adair) Countryman. He attended country school, moved to town in 1945, graduated from Moville High School, and was a member of the U.S. Coast Guard for three years.

He farmed for a couple of years and was an insurance agent in Carroll, Iowa, for six years. He has been employed with Marion Health Center hospital in Sioux City, Iowa, for 11 years. He makes his home with his mother, Esther Jones, in Moville, Iowa, where he is a member of the United Methodist Church.

Curtis is devoted to his deceased brother's three sons, Jeffery, Michael, and Thomas Jones. Ken's story is told by his eldest son, Jeffery. Kenneth Wayne Jones, first son of Clayton and Esther (Rhue) Jones, was born at his parents' home February 26, 1928. The same doctor was in attendance for him as for his father Clayton's birth and his mother Esther's birth. He was so proud of that fact.

Curtis Jones (left) and Kenneth Jones (right), sons of Clayton and Esther (Rhue) Jones. Taken November 26, 1955 — Curtis was best man when his brother married Marcille Lehr.

by Esther (Rhue) Jones

JONES, KENNETH WAYNE

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Linda and Jeff Jones, Jeff's best man, Michael Jones, Thomas Jones, and Jim Brandser. Taken August 20, 1983, Madison, Wisconsin.

Kenneth, of Esther (Rhue), of Maybell (Countryman), of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Marcille Lehr and Kenneth Wayne Jones were married November 26, 1955, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sioux City, Iowa.

Cheryl Reese and Michael Clayton Jones, married September 5, 1986, at Kirksville, Missouri. Cheryl is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. (Bud) Reese of Kirksville. The couple is at home in Madison, Wisconsin, where both are employed.

I, Jeffery Kenneth Jones, am a great-great-grandson of Andrew Jackson and Sabrina (Adair) Countryman. My father, Kenneth W. Jones, was the older son of Esther (Rhue) and Clayton Jones. My grandmother, Esther (Rhue) Jones, was the eldest child of Maybell (Countryman) and Robert Rhue, Sr. Maybell was the oldest child of Andrew J. Countryman and Sabrina Adair.

My father, Kenneth, was born on my great-grandparents, Walter and Martha (Van Norman) Jones's, farm four miles northwest of Moville, Iowa, February 26, 1928. He had one brother, Curtis, born October 12, 1931, in Moville, Iowa. Kenneth graduated from Moville High School in 1946. After high

school he joined the navy, where he spent 15 months of his 22-month enlistment in Pearl Harbor, serving as a disbursement clerk. After his time in the navy he went to college at Wayne State College in Wayne, Nebraska, for one year, then finished his college education at the University of Iowa at Iowa City, Iowa.

My father married Marcille Janet Lehr of Sioux City, Iowa. Marcille was the third child of Erwin and Bertha Lehr. She was born October 26, 1932, in Tripp, South Dakota. Since both of their birthdays fell on the 26th, they decided to be married on November 26, 1955. Prior to their marriage, my mother was employed by the accounting firm of Culley and Smith, Sioux City, Iowa, for six years.

They lived in Sioux City, Iowa, for a short time before moving to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. There my father was a sales agent for Sioux City Brick & Tile Company. My brother Michael and I were both born in Sioux Falls, Mike on April 15, 1959, and I on November 30, 1956.

After living in Sioux Falls for a couple of years, we moved to Moville, Iowa, where my second brother, Thomas Lehr Jones, was born July 1, 1961.

After making Moville our home for a short time, we moved to Sioux City for a little over a year and then were off again. Our destination was Long Lake, Minnesota, a small town 20 miles west of Minneapolis. We lived there for eight years and then back to Sioux City where we stayed until my graduation from Sioux City North High School in 1975. At this time Mike was a freshman in high school and Tom was in the sixth grade. While in Sioux City we tragically lost our mother, Marcille, in 1969, after having complications from routine surgery. She is buried in Arlington Cemetery in Moville, Iowa.

In the fall of 1975 I left home to attend college at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. After my first semester the family moved back to Minnesota where my father was promoted to branch manager of Minnesota Brick & Tile Company. We lived in a suburb south of Minneapolis called Burnsville. It was here that Mike graduated from Burnsville High School in 1978. Mike then went on to attend college at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He spent 2½ years there and then transferred to the University of Minnesota. Tom graduated from Burnsville High School in 1980 and went on to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he graduated with an agricultural business degree in 1984.

I graduated with a business administration degree in 1980 from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. It was at Stevens Point that I met my wife, Linda Ann Mertesdorf-Calkins. We were married in Madison, Wisconsin, August 20, 1983.

While our family lived in Burnsville, my father married Bette Brandser. She has a son, Jim, who attends the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and plans to graduate in 1987.

In the spring of 1982 our father, Kenneth, died suddenly of a heart attack. He, like my mother, is also buried in Arlington Cemetery, Moville, Iowa.

At the present time, the sons of Kenneth W. and Marcille J. Jones live in Madison, Wisconsin, and Tempe, Arizona. Tom, the youngest, is a sales representative for Linear Communications in Phoenix, Arizona. Mike is employed in Madison by American TV and Appliance. He is a sales manager in the television and video department. My wife, Linda, and I are also employed by American TV and Appliance. Linda sells furniture and I am the television and video department manager.

Mike, Tom and I have 15 direct ancestors buried in Arlington Cemetery in Moville, including two parents, one grandparent, four great-grandparents, seven great-great-grandparents, and one great-great-great-grandparent, all of which are on my father's side.

by Jeffery Jones

JORDAN, LYNWOOD & MARY GRACE (LITTLEFIELD)

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Grace (Littlefield) and Lynwood Jordan, taken in 1982 at the time of their retirement when they moved from Tampa, Florida, to Woodruff, South Carolina.

Lynwood, of William . . . of Mary Elizabeth (Countryman) Battle, of John, of John, of Andrew, of Andrew, of Johann Fredriech.

Lynwood, of Pearl (Daniel), of John F., of Rebecca Jane (Countryman), of John, of John, of Andrew, of Andrew, of Johann Fredriech.

Lynwood Jordan, Sr., ninth of ten children of William Cullen Jordan and Minnie Pearl Daniel, was born December 6, 1916, at the family ancestral home, Jordanville, near Americus in Sumter County, Georgia.

I married Mary Grace Littlefield of Woodruff, South Carolina, on June 25, 1941. At the time, I was pastor of the Rochelle Methodist Charge in south Georgia and she was a teacher in the Pitts school. We lived and served until 1954 in Brunswick, St. Marys, Kingsland, and Blackshear; then we transferred to Tampa, Florida, where we lived until our retirement in 1982.

Grace is the daughter of the late Lionel DaCree Littlefield and Louise Chumley, who lives next door and is 91 years old. Grace was a teacher for 30 years. After 22 years in the Methodist pastorate, I was associated with Tampa College as vice-president and dean of academic affairs until our retirement in 1982. I was honored at the 1982 graduation when the college gave me an honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters.

My wife, Grace, was born January 23, 1917, near Woodruff. Her girlhood home is the place of our retirement. We have two children, Lynwood and Mary Lynn.

Lynwood, Jr., was born February 6, 1946, in Brunswick, Georgia. He is a graduate of Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, and has a law degree from the Walter F. George Law School at Mercer University, Macon, Georgia. He and his family live in Cumming, Georgia, where he practices law. He married Susan Davenport Finnigan December 29, 1969, and they have three children: Lynwood III, born February 17, 1972; Elizabeth Logan, born June 28, 1977; and Jessica Susanne, born April 11, 1979.

Our daughter, Mary Lynn, was born May 6, 1949, in Brunswick, Georgia. She is a third grade teacher and lives with her husband and son in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Her husband, Bruce Lowe, works for the Tennesee Valley Authority. Nathaniel Cullen Lowe was born February 1, 1983.

by Lynwood Deal Jordan, Sr.

JORDAN, WILLIAM C. & MINNIE PEARL (DANIEL)

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William, grandson of Mary Elizabeth (Countryman) Battle, of John, of John, of Andrew, of Andrew, of Johann Fredriech.

Minnie Pearl, of John Thomas Daniel, of Rebecca Jane (Countryman), of John, of John, of Andrew, of Andrew, of Johann Fredriech.

My father's grandparents, the C.L. Battles, and my mother's grandparents, the Julius Daniels, owned land in the Ebenezer community in Sumter County, Georgia. The Battles are buried in the city cemetery in Ellaville and the Daniels are buried in Union Cemetery near Draneville.

Julius Daniel (February 15, 1820 - December 20, 1892) was the son of Joseph Daniel and Mary Garland. The Daniels and Gerlands were from Halifax County, North Carolina. When the families migrated to Georgia they settled in the Upson and Pike County area. Later Joseph and Mary Daniel came to Marion County where he died. Julius married Rebecca Jane Countryman and their children were: Rebecca, died young; Elizabeth, who married John Thomas Kinard; Joseph, died young; John F., who married Mary Kinard (my mother's parents); and William A., who married Molly Stevens.

My father's brothers and sister were: Ceola Cephus, Thomas B., Eugene Roney, Emma Jewell, and John Rodolph. My mother's

brothers and sister were: Julius Caesar, William, Aubrey, Emmett, Lillie Mae, and Frank.

My parents, William Cullen Jordan and Minnie Pearl Daniel, were the parents of ten children: Daniel Jasper, Jewell, Mary, Leroy, Susie, Bertha, Howard, Grace, Russell, and Lynwood. The family home was in the Shiloh community, near Americus in Sumter County, Georgia. The name Jordanville was used when Sidney Jasper Jordan, my grandfather, ran a country store and in the 1890s had a community post office in one corner of the store. The home is still in the family, owned by a granddaughter of W.C. and Pearl Jordan. My mother's parents, John Franklin and Mary (Kinard) Daniel, lived in the same community, about two miles from Jordanville. It was always a thrill when we were allowed to spend Saturday night with our grandparents once each month.

by Lynwood Deal Jordan, Sr.

KEY - BLANKENSHIP

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Ozella, of Ozella (Biggers), of James, of Mary Elizabeth (Countryman).

Ozella Ann Key was born 20 August 1879 in Cuthbert, Georgia, and died 10 February 1973 at Columbus, Georgia, buried in Parkhill Cemetery, Columbus. Ozella was the third child of Howard Walton and Ozella Ann (Biggers) Key. She married Ernest L. Blankenship, who was born 18 March 1879 and died 19 October 1929, also buried in Parkhill Cemetery.

They had one child, Joseph Key Blankenship, born 27 July 1902 and died 29 September 1968, also buried in Parkhill Cemetery, Columbus, Georgia. He married Ruby –?– and they had two daughters, one who married Russ Knox, Sr., and one who married Robert Toler.

by Judith Wakeman

KEY - CHASE

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Emma, of Ozella (Biggers), of James, of Mary Elizabeth (Countryman).

Emma Worrill Key, fifth child of Howard Walton and Ozella Ann (Biggers) Key, was born 9 November 1887 at Cuthbert, Georgia. She died 4 October 1978 at Ft. Worth, Texas, and was buried in Dallas, Texas. She was married 1 January 1908 at Columbus, Georgia, to Jonathan Ballock Chase, Sr., son of Jonathan and Charlena Mary (Barnett) Chase. He was born 6 March 1883 at Weeping Water, Nebraska. They had two children.

Ann Chase was born 13 May 1911 at Dallas, Texas, and was still living in February 1982. She married 26 October 1938 at Dallas to James Abner Stevens, son of Abner Wright and Mary Cecilia (Enderby) Stevens. James was born 26 October 1905 at Gainesville, Texas, and died 28 July 1981 at Ft. Worth, Texas, buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Ft. Worth. They had four daughters, Mary, Emmie, Nancy, and Judith. *Mary Ann Stevens* was born 6 April 1940 at Dallas, Texas, and married 29 January 1965 at Ft. Worth, Texas, to Michael Curtis Dixon, son of Randall Lee and Charlie Mae (Curtis) Dixon. Michael was born 26 December 1940 at El Dorado, Arkansas. They have seven children: (1)Paige Dixon, born 30 December 1968, Austin, Texas; (2) Whitney Ann Dixon, born 20 May 1970, Bronx, New York; (3) Jonathan David Dixon, born 26 November 1972, Nashville, Tennessee; (4) Erin Key Dixon, born 23 June 1974, Nashville; (5) Randall Scott Dixon, born 23 August 1975, Nashville; (6) Julianne Dixon, born 23 August 1975, Nashville; and (7) Christopher Ryan Dixon, born 7 November 1977 at Ft. Worth, Texas, died 18 November 1977, Ft. Worth. *Emmie Key Stevens* was born 20 December 1942 at Dallas, Texas, and married 26 June 1965 at Ft. Worth, Texas to Henry Proctor Richardson, born 27 June 1942. They have two sons: (1) Robert Lee Paul Richardson, born 15 May 1961 at Houston, Texas, adopted July 1969; and (2) Brian Davis Richardson, born 14 October 1972 at Nashville, Tennessee. *Nancy Chase Stevens* was born 4 September 1944 at Dallas, Texas, and married 18 August 1962 at Ft. Worth, Texas, to Ronald Joseph Kline, son of Grant LaVern and Zolda Margaret (McDonald) Kline, born 19 June 1943 at Chicago, Illinois. They have four children: (1)James Grant Kline, born 9 January 1965, Sacramento, California; (2) Jack David Kline, born 7 April 1967 at Ft. Worth, Texas; (3) Richard Joseph Kline, born 15 November 1970, Ft. Worth; and (4) Michael Joseph Kline, born 29 September 1972, Ft. Worth. *Judith Ellen Stevens* was born 23 October 1948 at Dallas, Texas, and married first Bill B. Harg, Jr., on December 28, 1968. They were divorced. Judith married second Lodevijke Nicolaas Bollen. He was born 29 October 1948 at Padang, Indonesia, son of Lodevijke Nicolaas and Teresa (Jansen) Bollen (both Dutch). They were married 15 May 1977 at Santa Fe, New Mexico, and have one daughter, Tresan Stevens Bollen, born 21 January 1982 at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Jonathan Ballock Chase, Jr., was born 12 May 1915 at Dallas, Texas, and was still living in February 1982. He was married 31 August 1941 at Long Beach, California, to Nancy Caroline Strang, daughter of William Horace and Clara Elder (Hill) Strang. Nancy was born 24 April 1919 at Whittier, California, and was still living in February 1982. They had three children, Jonathan, June, and Dahrl. *Jonathan Ballock Chase III* was born 18 November 1942 at Dallas, Texas. He was married 20 December 1967 at Midland, Texas, to Mary Ann Allen, daughter of Woodrow and Jessie (Adams) Allen. She was born 24 February 1943 at Merkle, Texas. They have three children: (1) Caroline Cansler Chase, born 4 January 1964 at College Station, Texas; (2) Leslie Lynn Chase, born 5 August 1965 at Midland, Texas, died 6 October 1965 at Bryan, Texas; and (3) Jonathan Ballock Chase IV, born 21 May 1969, Columbia, South Carolina. *June Strang Chase* was born 13 August 1944 at Wichita Falls, Texas, and was married 31 May 1969 at Georgetown, Texas, to William Lamar Hankins, son of Herman and Arthur Mae (Smith) Hankins. William was born 7 November 1944 at Beaumont, Texas. They have one adopted child, Dahrl Chase Hankins, born 20 February 1970 at Austin, Texas. *Dahrl Hall Chase* was born 19 June 1953 at Midland, Texas, and was married 29 July 1972 at Midland to Ralph Marion McCain, son of James and Katherine (Black) McCain, born 19 May 1953 at Littlefield, Texas.

by Judith Wakeman

KEY, BASCOM BIGGERS

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Bascom, of Ozella Ann (Biggers), of James, of Mary Elizabeth (Countryman).

Bascom Biggers Key, seventh child of Howard Walton and Ozella Ann (Biggers) Key, was born 22 July 1892 at Athens, Alabama, and died 24 January 1957 at Columbus, Georgia, buried in Parkhill Cemetery, Columbus. He was married 14 January 1914 at Columbus, Georgia, to Ella May Crawford, daughter of James and Eva (Henderson) Crawford. She was born 23 October 1893 at Columbus, Georgia, and died 10 October 1977 at Columbus, also buried in Parkhill Cemetery. They had two children, James and Eleanor.

James Crawford Key, Sr., was born 24 September 1914 at Columbus, Georgia, and was still living in February 1982. He was married 6 October 1935 at Columbus to Louise Norman, daughter of Francis Alexander and Laura Louise (Robinson) Norman. She was born 30 July 1915 at Columbus, Georgia, and was still living in February 1982. They had three children, Louise, James, and Elizabeth. *Louise Norman Key* was born 17 June 1938 at Columbus, Georgia, and married 2 July 1958 at Columbus to Frederick Monroe Miller, Jr., son of Frederick Monroe and Naomi (Welch) Miller. He was born 16 May 1938 at Columbus, Georgia. They have three children: (1) Frederick Monroe Miller III, born 22 May 1961 at Atlanta, Georgia; (2) Kathryn Key Miller, born 18 June 1966 at Columbus, Georgia; and (3) Laura MacDougald Miller, born 24 June 1967 at Columbus, Georgia. *James Crawford Key, Jr.* , was born 13 March 1943 at Columbus, Georgia, and married 20 September 1969 at Columbus to Ginger Dominey (born 12 October –?–); they were divorced. Their son, James Crawford Key III, was born 9 October 1973 at Atlanta, Georgia. James Crawford Key, Jr., was married second on 13 February 1983 at Savannah, Georgia, to Yvonne (Mueller) Walker. Yvonne has a five-year-old son, Curt Walker. *Elizabeth Goulding Key* was born 29 August 1947 at Columbus, Georgia, and married 3 December 1972 at Columbus to John Henry Blackwell, Jr., son of John Henry and Louise (Young) Blackwell. He was born 22 February 1946 at Aiken, South Carolina. They have one child, Summer Louise Blackwell, born 7 June 1977, at Athens, Georgia.

Eleanor Key was born 8 December 1918 at Columbus, Georgia, and was still living in February 1982. She was married 7 November 1942 at Columbus to George Herman Grear, Jr., son of George Herman and Marjorie Leona (Alford) Grear. He was born 14 May 1919 at Blytheville, Arkansas, and died 4 November 1981 in California. They had three children, all born in Columbus, Georgia. *George Herman Grear III* , born 29 April 1948, was married 21 December 1980 at Las Vegas, Nevada, to Kathy Pijanowski. *John*

Key Grear was born 8 April 1950. *Marjorie Eleanor Grear* was born 9 October 1952.

by Judith Wakeman

KEY, BENJAMIN WITT

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Benjamin, of Ozella Ann (Biggers), of James, of Mary Elizabeth (Countryman).

Benjamin Witt Key was born 3 April 1890 in Harris County, Georgia and died 18 January 1964 at Columbus, Georgia, buried in Linwood Cemetery, Columbus. He was the sixth child of Howard Walton and Ozella Ann (Biggers) Key.

Benjamin married first Claude Ella West on 19 September 1912 in Columbus, Georgia. She was the daughter of W.H. and Ella (Andrews) West. Claude Ella died in 1918. They had one child, Mary Ellen Key, born 24 February 1914 at Columbus, Georgia. She married 10 November 1935 at Columbus to James Franklin McDuffie, son of Duncan Franklin and Frances Boyette McDuffie. He was born 2 March 1912 at Burnell, Florida. They had one daughter, Claudia Ellen McDuffie, born 11 August 1946, Columbus, Georgia, died 5 September 1981, Decatur, Georgia. Claudia married John Gordon Barksdale 21 October 1964 at Americus, Georgia; they were divorced in 1974. They had one daughter, Ellen Claire Barksdale, born 22 August 1966 at Macon, Georgia, died 8 December 1977, Decatur, Georgia.

Benjamin Witt Key married second about 1926 at Woodbury, Georgia, to Mary Kate Clements, and they had two children, Benjamin and Kathryn. Benjamin Witt Key, Jr, was born 8 December 1927 and married Rose Marie Roberts in 1948. They have four children, Nancy, Michael, Danny, and Jeannie. Kathryn Clements Key married (and divorced) Harold Lee Friedman. They had three children, Harold Lee Friedman, Jr., Todd Key Friedman (died 1975), and Kathryn Friedman.

by Judith Wakeman

KEY, HOWARD, JR. & ANNIE CELESTE (DISMUKE)

F367

Howard Walter Allen

Howard, of Ozella Ann (Biggers), of James, of Mary Elizabeth (Countryman).

Howard Walton Key, Jr., was the fourth child of Howard Walton and Ozella Ann (Biggers) Key. He was born 26 May 1884 at Cuthbert, Georgia, and died 12 June 1968 at Corpus Christi, Texas, buried at Seaside Memorial Park, Corpus Christi. He married Annie Celeste Dismuke, daughter of William Haynes and Minnie Lu (Williams) Dismuke, on 28 August 1906 in Columbus, Georgia. Celeste was born 26 August 1888 at Columbus, died there 31 December 1954, and was buried in Linwood Cemetery in Columbus. Howard changed his name in the 1920s to Howard Walter Allen. Howard and Celeste had three children:

Howard Walton Key III was born 4 June 1907 in Russell County, Alabama, and was still living in June 1983. He was married 25 September 1940 at Walters, Cotton County, Oklahoma, to Mildred Maurine Reese, daughter of Claude A. and Lillian Ruth (Crowell) Reese. Mildred was born 5 January 1916, Longview, Gregg County, Texas, and was still living in 1983. They were divorced in 1964. Howard married first Maydee Ray Thornton; they were divorced. He married third Mrs. Una Graham — divorced. Howard changed his name when a young man to Howard Walton Allen. He has two daughters, Judith and Leah. *Judith Jo Allen* was born 6 October 1943 at Wichita Falls, Texas. She was married 15 June 1965 in Wichita Falls to Donald Ernest Wakeman, son of Lester William and Alma Gertrude (Caldwell) Wakeman. Donald was born 1 August 1939 in Ogdensburg, New York. They have two children: (1) David Alan Wakeman, born 1 May 1968 in Camp Springs, Maryland, at Andrews Air Force Base; and (2) Linda Sue Wakeman, born 7 September 1973 in Montgomery, Alabama, at Maxwell Air Force Base. *Leah Anita Allen* was born 31 October 1946 at Wichita Falls, Texas, and married John Peter Van Driest II on 30 August 1969 at Sheboygan, Wisconsin. He was born 21 January 1947 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the son of John Junior and Doris Jane (Gestland) Van Driest. They have one child, Carey Anita Van Driest, born 1 June 1977 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

William Dismuke Key was born 1 November 1910 in Harris County, Georgia, and was still living in June 1983. He was married 26 June 1932 in Jacksonville, Florida, to Bernice Inez Hall, daughter of William Juniper and Sarah Estelle (Smith) Hall. Bernice was born 6 February 1910 at Normantown, Georgia. They had four children, Celeste, Jo Ann, Bebe, and Linda. *Celeste Inez Key* was born 28 July 1936 at Jacksonville, Florida, and died there of meningitis in January of 1937; she was buried in Griffin, Georgia. *Jo Ann Key* was born 9 May 1937 at Columbus, Georgia, and was married 16 July 1960 in Ft. Benning, Georgia, to Don Owen Stovall, son of Aaron Earl and Mildred (Deason) Stovall. Don was born 25 November 1927 at Rossville, Kansas. They have three children: (1) Suzanne Elizabeth Stovall, born 3 September 1961 in Ft. Hood, Texas; (2) Don Owen Stovall, Jr., born 10 June 1963 at Ft. Hood, Texas; and (3) Kathleen Alisa Stovall, born 28 May 1970 in Berlin, West Germany. *(Bebe) Ramael Key* was born 6 February 1939 at Columbus, Georgia. She was married 28 August 1960 at Columbus to Robert Lynn Jenkins, a Methodist preacher born 12 August 1935 at Akron, Ohio, to Percy Jenkins. They were divorced in June 1961. Bebe never remarried and had no children. *Linda Jean Key* was born 16 January 1944 in Columbus, Georgia, and married 25 May 1969 in Boylston, Massachusetts, to Arpad Lazlo Balint, who was born 13 May 1942 in Hungary. They were divorced. Their two children are: (1) Celeste Brigetta Balint, born 16 December 1969 in Garfield, New Jersey; (2) Leah Ramael Balint, born 26 February 1972 in Jacksonville, Florida. Linda Key married second to Gregory Maloney and their child is (3) Anna Marie Maloney, born 22 March 1982 in Eugene, Oregon.

Joseph Staunton Key was born 14 February 1915 at Columbus, Georgia, and died 23 December 1922 at Albany, Georgia. He went out riding on his new bike, a Christmas gift, and was hit by a car. He was buried in Linwood Cemetery, Columbus, Georgia.

by Judith Wakeman

KEY, JAMES & LYDA (BOTTS)

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James, of Ozella (Biggers), of James, of Mary Elizabeth (Countryman).

James Biggers Key, second child of Howard Walton and Ozella Ann (Biggers) Key, was born 21 June 1877, Harris County, Georgia, and died 3 April 1959, Columbus, Georgia. He and his wife are buried in Parkhill Cemetery, Columbus, Georgia. He married 3 March 1897 at Jackson, Tennessee, Lyda Mae Botts, daughter of John Thomas and Eliza Ann (Tomlin) Botts. Lyda was born 30 April 1878 at Jackson, Tennessee, and died 18 April 1976 at Columbus, Georgia. There were five children, Jack, Lyda, James, Josephine, and Dorothy.

Jack Botts Key was born 28 September 1897, Jackson, Tennessee, and died 14 May 1982, Columbus, Georgia, buried in Parkhill Cemetery, Columbus. He married 16 March 1925 at Columbus, Georgia, Jeannette Lowndes Williams, daughter of Harry Lawrence and Maude Elsie (Lowndes) Williams. Jeannette was born 14 December 1901 at Columbus, Georgia, and was still living in 1983. They had two children, Jack and James. *Jack Botts Key, Jr.,* was born 11 November 1927 at Columbus, Georgia. He was married 7 August 1954 at Bay Minette, Alabama, to Erwin Tennant Davidson, daughter of Emanuel and Louise Elizabeth (Tennant) Davidson. She was born 19 February 1932 at Bay Minette, Alabama. They have three children, all born at Columbus, Georgia: Susan Kingston Key, born 31 October 1956, married 7 May 1983 in Columbus, Georgia, to Richard Walter Clegg, Jr. (born 9 November 1944, Columbus, Georgia); Jack Botts Key III, born 19 October 1958; and Louise Lowndes Key, born 3 November 1971. *James Williams Key* was born 2 February 1931 at Columbus, Georgia. He was married 29 December 1952 at Winter Park, Florida, to Charlotte Ann Greene, daughter of Raymond Wood and Wilhelmina (Freeman) Greene. Charlotte was born 11 May 1929 at Cincinatti, Ohio. They have no children.

Lyda May Key was born 20 February 1899, Columbus, Georgia, and died 15 November 1957 at Columbus, buried in Parkhill Cemetery. She was married 13 December 1921 at Columbus, Georgia, to Theodore Earnest Golden, Jr., son of Theodore Earnest and Elizabeth Antoinette (Lennard) Golden. He was born 7 January 1894 at Girard, Alabama, and died 27 January 1974, Columbus, Georgia, buried in Parkhill Cemetery. They had two children, Elizabeth and Barbara. *Elizabeth Lennard Golden* was born 29 November 1925 at Columbus, Georgia and married 12 May 1945 at Columbus to Benjamin Davis Tyler, son of Dorsey Goodwin and Esther

Slaughter (Bennett) Tyler. He was born 28 June 1922 at Richmond, Virginia. They have four children, all born at Columbus, Georgia: (1) Barbara Golden Tyler (born 17 May 1946) was married in Calloway Gardens, Georgia, to Peter George Frickel (born 30 May 1931 at Amanzimtoti, Natal, South Africa – Durban outskirts), son of Herbert William and Mabel (Sedgewick) Frickel. Their two children are Ben Tyler Frickel, born 11 August 1971, Memphis, Tennessee, and Mark Andrew Frickel, born 27 December 1974, at Memphis. (2) Virginia Bennett Tyler (born 31 July 1948) married 1 June 1968 at Columbus, Georgia, to Robert Charles Stover (born 8 May 1944, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania), son of Lloyd Hershall and Dorothy (Simmons) Stover. Their two children are Dorothy (Dolly) Simmons Stover, born 13 May 1973, at Columbus, Georgia, and Robert Charles Stover, born 4 July 1975, Greensboro, North Carolina. (3) Cynthia Key Tyler was born 15 June 1952. (4) Benjamin Davis Tyler, Jr., (born 3 June 1953) married 9 June 1977 Mary Diane Tillman (born 15 December 1956 Moultrie area, Georgia), daughter of Otis and Dolly Tillman. Their three children are Sarah Tillman Tyler, born 29 March 1978, Columbus, Georgia; Mary Catherine (Katie) Tyler, born 18 September 1980, Russell County, Alabama; and Lydia Bennett Tyler, born 2 April 1982, Moultrie, Georgia. *Barbara Ann Golden* was born 29 November 1925 at Columbus, Georgia. She was married 27 November 1953 at Columbus to George Murphey Pound, Jr., son of Murphey and Eva (Garrett) Pound. He was born 25 July 1925 at West Point, Georgia. They had three children, all born in Columbus, Georgia: (1) Murphey Garrett (Garry) Pound, born 6 December 1953; (2) Theodore Earnest Golden Pound, born 28 November 1956; and (3) James Key Pound, born 26 February 1958.

James (Jamie) Howard Key was born 4 December 1900 at Columbus, Georgia, and died 13 August 1916. He is buried in Linwood Cemetery, Columbus, Georgia.

Josephine Staunton Keye (Chene) was born 6 October 1903 at Columbus, Georgia, and died 3 July 1965 at Columbus, buried in Parkhill Cemetery there. She was married first 25 January 1922 at Columbus, Georgia, to Herbert Davis Groover, son of Clarence I. and Mary L. (Davis) Groover. Herbert was born 6 February 1896 at Columbus, Georgia, and died 15 January 1935 at Columbus, buried in Linwood Cemetery, Columbus. They had one son, *Herbert Davis Groover* , born 28 December 1925 at Columbus, Georgia. He was married on 28 December 1946 at Columbus to Linda Lou Clark, daughter of Cecil Bell and Lois Mae (King) Clark. Linda was born 20 December 1928 at Reynolds, Georgia. They have three children, all born at Columbus, Georgia: (1) Linda Clark Groover, born 24 March 1949, was married 28 August 1971 at Columbus, Georgia, to Lawrence Michael Aglialoro (born 3 December 1949, Columbus, Georgia), son of Sal Vincent and Elizabeth (Burgess) Aglialoro. They have one child, Chene Key Aglialoro, born 19 November 1972 at Columbus, Georgia. (2) Herbert Davis Groover III was born 12 September 1950. (3) Cecil Clark Groover was born 11 August 1954. Josephine Staunton Key was married second on 13 April 1940 to Louis Pierce Dowdell.

Dorothy Anne (Tincy) Key was born 3 March 1906 at Columbus, Georgia. She married Philip Martin Ham (born 13 June 1908 at Providence, Rhode Island), son of Livingston and Alice North (Bennett) Ham. They had one son, *James Livingston Ham* , born 23 October 1937 at Boston, Massachusetts. He married 15 June 1963 (and divorced in September 1981) Jane Hodge, born 19 December 1941. Their two children are: (1) Dorothy Key Ham, born 18 August 1965 at Atlanta, Georgia; and (2) Phyllis Martin Ham, born 15 February 1968 at Columbus, Georgia. Jane remarried in February 1983 to –?– Bradford.

by Judith Wakeman

KIMBALL – FOSTER

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Gail Louise Kimball, Class of 1978, Grants, New Mexico.

The Wyoming Countrymans — Gail, of Gerald, of Dorothy (Countryman), of Mark Ward, of Charles Raynor.

Gail Louise (Kimball) Foster is the second daughter of Gerald Ward and Jean Kimball, Jr., granddaughter of Dorothy (Countryman) Kimball, great-granddaughter of Mark Ward and Ida Countryman, and great-great-granddaughter of Charles Raynor and Anna (Bartell) Countryman.

Gail was born February 13, 1960, in Riverton, Wyoming. She married Steve Foster (who was born August 21, 1951, in Kansas City, Missouri) on August 11, 1984, in Kansas City, Missouri.

Gail was a sweet baby. She hung on to her mother's long, dark hair; it seemed to give her security. It was such fun to sit in my home and see the Kimball children playing in their yard and going and coming from school. They were always so pretty and clean, their hair gleaming in the sunlight.

She was 14 when she left Riverton. She finished high school in Grants, New Mexico, and worked after school and Saturdays for Gamble's store. She worked a short while in the uranium mill, wearing a hard hat, safety goggles and shoes. She spent some of her vacations in Weston, Missouri, and Blue Springs, Missouri, with her Grandma Sandell. Here she enrolled in a real estate school. She also was employed by a machinery and implement store. She was planning on going to a school of dentistry when she met her future husband. Eventually they had a big, beautiful wedding. Steve is employed at Foster's One Hour Cleaners, the family-owned business. Gail is employed at the Uhlmann Company in Kansas City, Missouri. She works in the corporate office. They manufacture charcoal briquets, five types of hot cereal (Maypo), and two brands of baking flour (they distribute only in the East and Chicago).

They live in Liberty, Missouri. Steve had his own home and Gail enjoyed redecorating it and buying some antique furniture. Gail loves to garden and has planted tulips and roses. Their yard is about 150' by 350'. They are recently the one-third owners of a new pontoon boat with a rest room, a three-burner stove, a frige, and a built-in cooler. It seats about 13 people. They have an English bulldog. Her name is Pumpkin.

by Dorothy Kimball

KIMBALL – STEPHENS

F370

Catherine Ann Kimball, Class of 1974, Riverton, Wyoming.

The Wyoming Countrymans — Catherine, of Gerald, of Dorothy (Countryman), of Mark Ward, of Charles Raynor.

Catherine Ann (Kimball) Stevens is the oldest daughter of Gerald Ward and Jean Kimball, Jr., oldest granddaughter of Gerald Ward and Dorothy (Countryman) Kimball, oldest great-granddaughter of Mark Ward and Ida Countryman, and great-great-grand-

daughter of Charles Raynor and Anna (Bartell) Countryman.

Catherine was born March 22, 1956, in Riverton, Wyoming. She married Jim Stephens August 12, 1982, in Grants, New Mexico.

Baby Cathie — a girl in the family at last. My joy knew no bounds. She was named after her Great-Grandmother Neil. Cathie was a very dependable little girl. She had a way of taking care of everyone, and was a great help to her mother through the years. She was a Girl Scout and when she was older, a candy striper. One time her folks went to the annual miners' convention. I was left in charge of the children. I was amazed to find Cathie had everything planned and was seeing to my comforts as well. This was something new, to be waited on. I shall never forget her thoughtfulness.

She graduated from high school in May. In Ausugt 1974 she left us, going with her folks to New Mexico. She started college in Las Cruces, New Mexico, and finished in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She worked in the hospital lab in Grants until the uranium folded and so many people moved away; then she became a dental assistant.

It was no surprise when Cathie wed her friend Jim, as they had been friends for about eight years. They had a beautiful wedding in the First Baptist Church. I made the mints for the reception.

They own their own home. This past year the house was remodeled and Cathie redecorated and stenciled it. Cathie also does beautiful embroidery and is interested in photography. Jim is in partnership with his father in video parlor games. They like to travel and snow and water ski. They have a dachshund named Winston.

by Dorothy Kimball

KIMBALL, DOROTHY JEAN (COUNTRYMAN)

F371

The Wyoming Countrymans — Dorothy, of Mark Ward, of Charles Raynor.

Dorothy Jean (Countryman) Kimball, oldest daughter of Mark Ward and Ida Irene (Irvine) Countryman, and granddaughter of Charles Raynor and Anna (Bartell) Countryman, was born January 5, 1910, at Split Rock, Wyoming. On June 7, 1930, in Casper, Wyoming, Dorothy married Gerald Ward Kimball, son of Henry Ward and Viola (Stephens) Kimball. They became the parents of three sons, Edward Lee, Mark Ward, and Gerald Ward, Jr.

In 1913 my parents moved from Lander, Wyoming, to the place six miles west of Ft. Washakie on the Shoshone Indian Reservation, a quarter of a mile from the North Fork on the Little Wind River, where we lived in a tent until Papa built a tar paper covered shack with a dirt floor. Mother made flour paste and lined the walls and ceiling with paper from old magazines. I remember waking up mornings and looking up at the pictures and words; one read "To Have and To Hold." Later Papa built a log cabin. The

Three school teachers, Class of 1929, Lander, Wyoming: Dorothy Jean Countryman (in brown velvet), Margaret Helen Countryman (in red, white, and blue), and Anna Rose Marjorie Irvine (in black satin with pink trim).

Gerald Ward (Slick) Kimball, 1937, Lander, Wyoming.

land was all virgin and covered with sagebrush. After Papa ploughed the land, he hired Indian squaws to pick the sagebrush. The winter before when he rented in Lander, he had played the roulette wheel, which paid off in quarters. He kept these quarters in a 12-by 12-inch silver-plated bank, and it was with these quarters he paid the squaws.

My earliest playmates were Indian children. When Christmas came the folks had open house and the Indians filled the dining room eating with us. One old squaw licked the gravy serving spoon and her husband scolded her. After a few years this got to be too good of a thing and Mother discontinued her hospitality.

Many of our Christmases were spent on Sage Creek at Uncle Dudley's and Aunt Edna's, or they at our place. One time we went over in a sleigh. It was fun going over, but a little difficult coming home as the snow had melted, leaving some dry places.

In 1915 we had our last Indian scare. The Irvines from Sage Creek and Phillips from Big Wind River came. We banded together and taking guns, we started to Ft. Washakie for protection. I got so sleepy, I lay down on the wagon bed and went to sleep. I remember waking up to see cousin Fanchon's black-stockinged legs swinging above me from the wagon seat. The Indian scare was all over and we were headed for home.

When my cousin Kenneth was expected, Aunt Edna sent a squaw in a buggy over from Sage Creek to get Mother to help. The squaw led the way in her buggy at a fast clip with Mother and we kids following close behind in another buggy. The bolt in the double-trees kept working loose and Mother kept pounding it down with her whip.

My brother Manuel (Hoot) arrived on May 13, 1916. Papa called him Hoot because he was so fond of Hoot Mon cookies.

When my twin sisters were born two years later, Papa, who was doctor and midwife, came out of the bedroom with a big smile on his face and held up two fingers. My first look was of two squirming babies with waving arms and legs on a blue blanket. What a sight! When they were about six months old Mother got a felon on her little finger and had to go to Lander to have it lanced — that was when I learned to wash diapers. No Pampers in those days!

Grandpa Countryman would occasionally come out from Lander to see us and go fishing. He always had candy and other goodies for us. I never smell cigar smoke to this day but what I think of Grandpa. One time he came out when Isobel was the baby. He asked her name and held her up above him and said, "What a pretty name, and what a beautiful baby!" She was, too, big blue eyes and long black lashes.

Aunt Helen was our first teacher. Margaret was four in 1916 and she learned to read quicker and better than I could. We had no school the next year. In 1918 we had Miss Lena Gardner from Riverton. She got so homesick Papa let her ride "Star" home to see her folks.

In 1918 Grandpa bought the land along the river and Papa built a new log cabin there and moved our other buildings down also, so at last we had running water — that is, it ran close by. In fact, in the spring it was a raging torrent. So we were always lulled to sleep by the roar of the river and the wind in the cottonwood trees. "Home Sweet Home!"

Later Papa joined all the cabins together with a large room in between and a hall connecting bedrooms. This was all under a dirt roof, which sometimes leaked!

About this time a teacherage was built near our home. Also the Countryman school, a new log building on a corner of Papa's land a quarter of a mile from home. Much later a new schoolhouse was built about a mile away. Aunt Edna taught us two terms. She was a wonderful teacher.

For entertainment we went to the Indian Sun Dance. This was a ceremonial dance to worship the sun, lasting three days and three nights without food or drink. The braves danced back and forth to the lodge pole in the center, with a buffalo skull on top of it, to the

Edward Lee, Mark Ward, and Gerald (Gary) Kimball, Halloween 1938, taken by "The Teacherage" on the Drift Fence Ranch, Ft. Washakie, Wyoming.

Gerald (Slick) Kimball, 1972, on the Farson fossil fish beds, which the BLM closed in 1973. Note the stacks of fossil fish ready to be packed for the trip home to Riverton, Wyoming.

Dorothy Kimball with jade, May 1969, at the site of discovery on Crook's Mountain.

beat of tom-toms and blowing on little whistles made from an eagle bone, stripped to the waist with beaded belt and blanket around loins, painted faces and bodies. The dance ended with a huge feast.

There were picnics and berry picking and always the big rodeo in Lander and country dances where Papa called the Quadrilles. Papa and Mother danced the Schottish. I can close my eyes and see them dance. For music we had a guitar and violin. Walter Brown was the best fiddler. The hat was passed for a collection to pay the music. Sometimes we danced until nine in the morning.

Grandma Irvine made her pilgrimages from Canyon Creek near Alcova to see us through the years. There was a child or two to go with her to pick wild strawberries or hunt for pretty rocks. One time she delighted me by making my doll a red dress out of Grandpa's "Union Leader" tobacco bags.

In 1925 Francis, Margaret and I were ready for high school, so our world changed. We stayed at Grandparents Countryman in Lander. There were seven cousins in all — two Irvines, two Phillips, and three Countrymans. What a time we had! And what work for Grandma — all the lunches she packed and meals she cooked. She made the best doughnuts I ever ate. Papa had gotten his first car, a Ford, which he painted a bright green, and he came to get us on Fridays, returning us on Sundays. The next two years Francis drove the school bus 24 miles over dirt roads. In the spring when the frost went out of the ground there were some places that were almost impassable.

In our last year of high school, Margaret and I again stayed at Grandma's. We took normal training. Margaret got a school immediately (the Countryman School), but it was late August before I signed a contract to teach the Wolff school six miles from Moneta. I had a first grader, Gerald Farrens, and a second grader, June Wolff. I was paid the grand sum of $100.00 per month, $35.00 going for room and board. I was to stay a half term at Wolffs' and the other half at Farrens' to finish my term. Here I lived in a sheep wagon, cooking for myself and for June. Her parents came for us on weekends.

It was while I was teaching school I met my future husband, Gerald Ward Kimball, known as Slick. He was tending camp for Ed. Reynolds, a big sheep man on Deer Creek 14 miles from Moneta. In February Slick took me to the Fireman's Ball in Shoshoni and gave me a big red satin heart-shaped Valentine box full of chocolates. I still have the box.

As Margaret's and Marjorie's schools were out a week earlier than mine (due to the fact I had taken a home sick leave), they came down to help me finish mine, bringing friend Hazel Wickstrom with them. The girls helped me pack and we all left for Casper on Friday after closing school. The next day, June 7, 1930, Slick and I were married by S.H. Putenney, J.P. Slick's sister, Hazel Bussey, came in from Salt Creek to attend our wedding. After the ceremony we drove to Lander and went to a dance at Milford.

We spent ten days honeymooning at Uncle Lawrence's and Aunt Ethel's place on Dinwoodie Lake where they had a dude ranch. They were expecting dude guests so we had to sleep in a teepee. Slick helped Uncle Lawrence stock upper Dinwoodie Creek with trout fingerlings which they took in on pack horses. We fished in the lake but it all got old so one day while Phillips had gone to town we decided we had enough of a honeymoon and we left for my folks.

In August 1930 Slick went to work for Walter Graham near Moneta (another sheep man), leaving me at home. He quit his job just before Christmas and came home where we had Christmas. Soon after we went back to Moneta and Slick went to work again for Reynolds. It was so nice to be together again in Reynolds' comfortable house. Slick built a crackling fire each morning in the heater in the bedroom and one in the kitchen range. Reynolds was gone a lot of the time as he was dating Mary Eshwig, the superintendent of Natrona County Hospital in Casper, Wyoming.

Edward Lee was born April 20, 1931, in Casper. When he was three months old we took a big truckload of salt to the sheep camp on the big Horn Mountains summer range. I remember one hill where I was ordered to take the baby and walk up as Slick did not trust the truck. We slept in a teepee. Our baby never cried. He was such a good baby.

Slick had filed on a homestead in 1929 on Canyon Creek (four miles from Reynolds) and so we moved there in June 1931. Slick built the four miles of fence all by himself with a shovel and bar (no post hole digger). When winter came Slick trapped coyotes and earlier in the fall badgers, which he penned until their fur was prime. Every month we drove to Casper with the furs and sold them, coming home with a load of groceries. Our meat was antelope and deer. That was a hard winter and the snow piled up covering the sagebrush. I had lots of water as I melted the snow, otherwise we hauled water from Reynolds in wooden kegs. Slick had built a platform on the rear of our new Ford (grey two-door sedan) where he hauled the kegs. He also used it to haul his fence posts. Seemed I never had enough water. I washed in a tub of galvanized tin and used a scrub board and P. & G. bar soap. Many times my knuckles and tops of fingers were scrubbed raw. We had no radio, no close neighbors, no mail unless we drove 14 miles for it.

Our second son, Mark, was born in Bishop Randall Hospital in Lander on October 22, 1932. Again we spent another winter on the homestead, but I now had two babies to wash for, and the same water system. After the homestead was proved up on, we sold to Joe Thompson for $1,5000.00. Needless to say, he

drilled a well and got good water.

So again we made our home with my parents. Slick sheared sheep many springs, going away as far as Malta, Montana. He helped on the ranch, haying and looking after the stock and trapping in the winters. He made his own coyote scent by netting minnows and letting them ripen in a jug. One time he had filled his little bottle with scent, got on his horse to go around the trap line. The horse proceeded to buck him off. You guessed it — the bottle broke and Slick came to the house in a huff, smelling to high heaven.

The fall of 1937 we moved to Shoshoni. Slick worked for General Geophysical Seismograph, where he got his Social Security card. He also worked on the gas pipeline from Sand Draw to Casper for two months. They moved to Casper, so Slick quit and went to work tending bar for Nick Svilar at the Derby Bar. He also trapped. That spring he sheared sheep.

Eddie started school that winter, Mark was five, and our youngest, Gary (October 24, 1934) was three. I still had no washing machine but the well was close by and I had all the water I wanted.

After school was out we moved back to the folks' for a year. Papa bought me a Maytag washing machine. Joy! after seven long years on the scrub board.

In 1940 we rented the LeClair place just above us on the river. We bought some old ewes, a cow and calf, and some chickens. Slick also bought a new red Chevrolet. It was at this time Slick started work in the oil fields for Superior Oil Company. Some of the sheep died and some bummed their lambs. At one time I was bottling a dozen little lambs and picking the wool from the dead carcasses. I almost made a fatal mistake by pouring gasoline over the carcasses and striking a match to them; luckily, the wind was in the right direction.

August 1942 we sold our livestock and moved to Lander. Slick continued to work in the oil field as derrick man. That Christmas Mark, now ten, thrilled the audience at the church services with his solo "Away in a Manger" in his sweet, melodious voice.

Eddie, Mark, and I attended all the confirmation classes and took our first communion at midnight services Christmas 1942 at Trinity Episcopal Church.

We moved to Riverton in January 1943 and lived in the old Holden house back of the Teton Hotel for five years. During this time Slick worked as derrick man at Pilot Butte, Sand Draw, and Lance Creek near Lusk, Wyoming. When he worked at Lance Creek he couldn't drive back and forth because of the distance. In June Mark, Gary, and I spent the month with him in Lusk. Eddie stayed with his grandparents on the Sweetwater. On one of his trips home on the long change, Slick totalled our new Chevy and almost himself.

In June 1948 we bought two lots from John Metzler and are still living in the house, 37 years later. Slick tended bar twice for the Eagles Lodge and Fitz's and Sanguins S&S Liquor Store. Dealt Pan many winters. Went on long backpack fishing trips with the boys. Bowled at five state tournaments, won several bowling trophies. Also, numerous big game hunts.

During the summers we hunted jade. He found several big pieces, selling enough to buy our "Travel Queen Camper" in 1967 and our Ford truck in 1976.

On January 6, 1969, I went to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, to care for my sister Isobel in her last bout with cancer. She died March 10, 1969. After the funeral, Mother and I rode back home with sister Margaret and her husband, Millard Hart.

May 28, 1969, I found my big 115-pounder of apple-green jade. It was, I thought, my compensation for the care I gave my darling sister. I still have it. It sits on my window seat and talks to me of sunny days and wind-blown sage.

We dug the Farson fossil fish for five summers until the BLM closed the fish beds in 1974. These fossils were Eocene age, sixty million years old. That was such fun; work, yes, but so interesting. I loved it! We'd go out for ten days at a time and come home with all we could haul. Sold them all over the United States and even a few to Germany.

On the Trail of the Elusive Jade

I went up the hill
And down the glade,
Looked everywhere for the gemmy jade.
The gemmy, gemmy jade.
The rocks were all chipped
And the stones turned about,
Some one before had given them a clout,
In search of the gemmy jade,
The gemmy, gemmy jade.
Joy of joys! Surprise, surprise;
Right there in front of my eyes
Was my jade,
My gemmy, gemmy jade.
They must have been blind.
They could not see.
Left the jade for little old me: my jade.
My gemmy, gemmy jade.

Edward Lee Kimball, Class of 1949, Riverton, Wyoming. "The entire Riverton area was shocked and grieved Sunday afternoon, when the lives of three Riverton young men were ended swiftly in a tragic plane crash near Crowheart. Those killed were C.G. 'Buster' Sweet, 31, pilot of the plane, a World War II veteran and owner of the Valley Implement Co. here, Michael Ramsay, 19, a student at Wentworth Military Academy, home on vacation, and Edward Lee Kimball, 17, a senior student at the Riverton High School. Flames enveloped the plane instantly as it crashed and the bodies of Sweet and Kimball were burned beyond recognition. Young Ramsey was pulled from the flaming inferno and his body escaped complete destruction by fire." *Riverton Ranger* , April 1949.

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KIMBALL, EDWARD LEE

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Edward Lee Kimball, with pet antelope, 1945, at his grandparents' (Mark and Ida Countryman) ranch on Sweetwater, Rawlins Route, Lander, Wyoming.

The Wyoming Countrymans — Edward, of Dorothy (Countryman), of Mark Ward, of Charles Raynor.

Edward Lee Kimball, first son of Dorothy (Countryman) Kimball and Gerald Ward Kimball, first grandson of Mark Ward and Ida Countryman, and great-grandson of Charles Raynor and Anna (Bartell) Countryman, died in a flaming airplane crash April 3, 1949, near Crowheart Butte. Even now, after 36 years, it is hard to write about his short life of nearly 18 years, but I must try.

Eddie was born in Casper, Wyoming, April 20, 1931, weighing eight and one-half pounds. He was the best of babies, never cried, ate and slept, sweet tempered, and he thrived and grew.

When the day came for him to go to school, he said, "I want to go by myself." So he did, across a busy highway to the new Shoshoni school. He was always dependable. When he was ten years old, Slick and I went to Lander for groceries expecting to be back by the time the boys got home from school, but we were delayed. I was worried about my sons but all was well. Eddie had built a fire and was frying potatoes for our supper.

When he was 12, we moved to Lander — after Christmas to Riverton. That winter he carved model airplanes from solid wood (soft pine). He enameled tham and hung them on a string across his room. When the wind blew through his open window, it seemed as if they were flying. World War II was on, so his models were authentic copies of the planes of that time.

Eddie's first job was setting pins in the bowling alley. This was before the automatic pin setter. He next worked popping and selling corn in the Acme Theatre. Mr. Knight said Eddie was the best help he ever had.

In 1946 he saw an ad in the paper wanting a boy to help on a dude ranch, so he applied and got the job. This was for the Whites at Trail Lake near Dubois. He was extremely popular with the dude kids. They gave him

presents such as fancy spur straps. He was away from home all summer.

May 1948 Eddie and his friend Mike Ramsay explored the Wind River Mountains, going by saddle horses and a pack horse. They had a wonderful time taking pictures and fishing. They returned to civilization in June and Eddie went to work for a seismograph company until school started.

Eddie was in three school plays. The last one was *Submerged* . He went to the speech festival in Laramie, coming home with a blue ribbon.

1948–1949 he was a senior in high school and was soon to graduate. He did — posthumously. On that fateful Sunday, April 3, 1949, he was killed in an airplane crash and burned beyond recognition.

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KIMBALL, GERALD WARD, JR.

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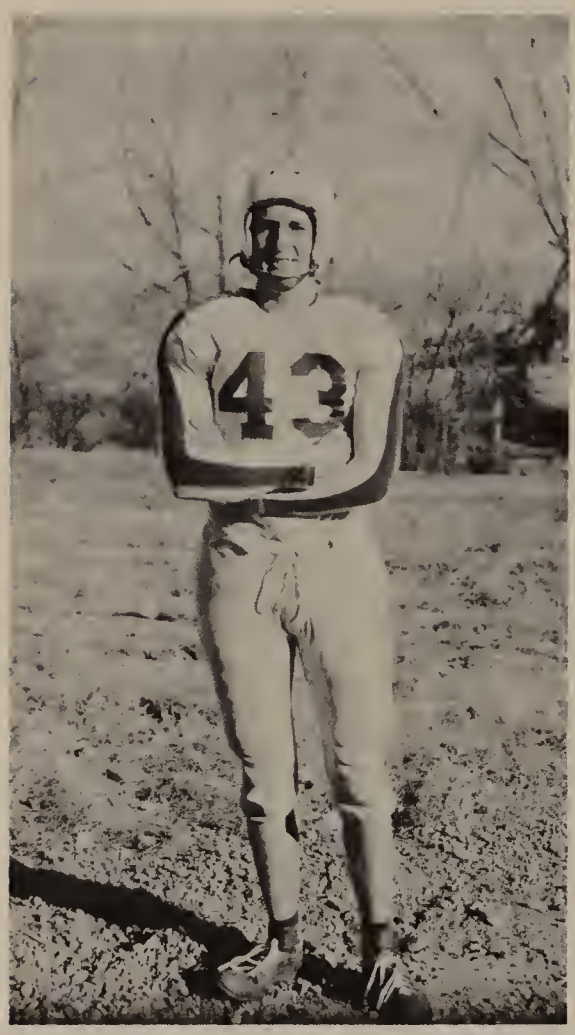

Gerald Ward (Gary) Kimball, football, 1951, Riverton, Wyoming.

The Wyoming Countrymans — Gerald, of Dorothy (Countryman), of Mark Ward, of Charles Raynor.

Gerald Ward Kimball, Jr., is the third son of Dorothy (Countryman) Kimball and Gerald Ward Kimball, grandson of Mark and Ida Countryman, and great-grandson of Charles Raynor and Anna (Bartell) Countryman.

Gerald Ward (known as Gary) was born October 24, 1934, in Lander, Wyoming. He wed Jean Ann Sandell January 4, 1952. Their six children are: Robert Ward, born September 26, 1953; Catherine Ann, born March 22, 1956; Gail Louise, born February 13, 1960; Miles Andrew, born October 28, 1964; Amy Lynn, born November 21, 1971; and Erin Leigh, born October 30, 1974. The first four were born in Riverton, Wyoming; Amy was born in Lander, Wyoming; and Erin was born in Grants, New Mexico.

Gerald Ward and Jean Ann (Sandell) Kimball on their wedding day, January 4, 1952, First Baptist Church, Riverton, Wyoming. Best Man, Bill Lacey; Matron of Honor, Muriel Kraus. A reception for 80 guests was held at the church following the ceremony. Among the guests were Jean's grandparents, the Amos Niels of Riverton, and Gerald's grandmother, Ida Countryman, from Sweetwater.

The children of Gary and Jean Kimball, Christmas 1972 at the Kimball home, Riverton, Wyoming. Left to right: Robert, holding Amy; Miles Andrew; Gail Louise; and Catherine Ann, holding "Bimbo" the poodle-pup.

Gary was born in Bishop Randall Hospital, weight eight and three-fourths pounds. When Gary was three months old he had measles along with me and all the residents of the Drift Fence Ranch with the exception of Papa, Mother, and Slick. We were all dreadfully sick. Dr. Holtz came from Lander, 24 miles away, and prescribed calamine lotion and orange juice in the drinking water. Gary was a good baby like his brothers, never crying unless they were hurt. Gary didn't talk until he was three, but when he did it was with whole sentences.

He went to the Countryman School three terms, Lander one half-term, and finished his schooling in Riverton.

Gary was a Cub Scout and I was one of the original Den Mothers for 13 months. We met in our big kitchen — "Kimball's Kitchen Kubs" Den 5. Once a month all the dens met in the Legion Hall and put on skits and recited poetry. At one of these, Gary portrayed Carmen Miranda and danced the rhumba.

Gary was an acolyte in St. James Episcopal Church and as an award got to go to Chicago via rail with Father Reddick.

In 1948 Gary had a "rabbitry." He sent away for New Zealand Whites. He kept a little notebook of expenses and sales. I still have his book. Needless to say, we couldn't eat these pets. Gary sold quite a few. He had Snowball, Divinity, Royal, and Aurora Borealis, to name a few. Snowball won a blue ribbon at the Fremont County Fair.

After three and one-half years Gary completed his senior year.

On January 4, 1952 (when he was only 18), he married his classmate sweetheart, Jean. He worked hauling oil well supplies until May, then graduated with his wife Jean. They lived in one of the Olson Cabins for a while, soon moving into a house south of the hospital. Gary worked in the oil fields near Riverton and Jean as a stenographer for lawyer Don Spiker.

On March 9th they moved to Hardin, Montana, where Gary went to work for Carter Oil, drilling a wild cat well. They had to take a small apartment upstairs over a drug store until a new basement apartment was available at 510 North Cody. The owners Snyder were very kind to the young couple. The oil location was quite a distance from Hardin over dirt roads and when it rained Gary had to put on chains. Jean's mother and I went up to see them that summer and one Sunday we all toured the Custer Battlefield.

They returned to Riverton in August. September 26, 1953, Robert Ward was born.

Gary went to work for Big Horn Drilling Company at Circle Ridge, 60 miles from Riverton. Gary's father was working on the same rig, both as derrick men, Slick for Driller Hitt and Gary for Tommy Todd. Slick doubled over for Gary one time; the drill got stuck and the tool pusher put black oil in the hole to loosen the drill. When it finally came loose Slick was deluged with oil. That was his last day in the oil fields at age 50. Gary continued. Big Horn moved to a new location at Meeteetse in July 1955. Gary enjoyed hunting pheasant, duck, and deer while there. In November Gary was promoted to driller.

Jean would come to Riverton once a month to see her doctor, as she was expecting again. On one trip home she hit some ice on the highway; the car ended up against the canyon wall. Jean and little Bobby were taken to the Thermopolis hospital for the night, luckily not badly hurt. The car was a total wreck.

Catherine Ann was born March 22, 1956. In September 1956 Big Horn moved to Casper, Wyoming. Gary was the driller. They bought a new trailer home to live in.

In 1958 Gary changed jobs and went to work for Lucky Mc Uranium in the Gas Hills, 54 miles from Riverton, as a warehouseman. Soon he was head warehouseman.

In 1960 Gary went to work for Federal Gas Hills Partners as head warehouseman and soon was purchasing agent. They lived in a large trailer camp in the Gas Hills in a big new trailer home.

Gail Louise was born February 13, 1960.

In 1961 Federal Gas Hills Partners moved them to Riverton. They sold their new trailer home and bought June Farlow's home (catty-cornered from us) and three blocks to Gary's office on Main Street. Those were joyous years for us having them so close. Here Gary and Jean were active in the First Baptist

Church, teaching Sunday School and Jean directing the choir, putting on many cantatas at Christmas time. I remember one I went to, *Night of Miracles* December 21, 1966. Gary was the narrator. Gary joined the Toastmasters Club and won many awards. Jean played bridge; they both bowled and golfed. She had a new piano and gave piano lessons. Every spring they went to the miners convention, usually held in Jackson. Gary was on the city council as head councilman and assistant mayor one time.

Miles Andrew was born September 28, 1964. Amy Lynn was born November 21, 1971, in Lander, Wyoming.

Then our world changed drastically when Gary was hired by Gulf Oil as purchasing agent for the deepest uranium mine in the world in Grants, New Mexico. They left Riverton in August 1974. Gary and Jean built their new home in Grants. October 31, 1974, Erin Leigh was born. They had lived there for nine years when the bottom fell out of the uranium business after Three Mile Island. Gulf transferred them to Houston, Texas, after Christmas 1983. Gary was promoted to manager-purchasing of the central division. They bought a lovely six-year-old home. They are all very happy with Texas and their new friends.

Needless to say, we are the proudest parents in the world, especially so as Gary is a self-made man. We never had money to give him a college education. He took some correspondence courses. We give dear little Jean a lot of credit for being a wonderful wife and mother, and helping our son to achieve greater things. Gary, you have come a long way, baby — from a log cabin on the Shoshone Indian Reservation, from hauling mud to oil fields, roust-a-bout, derrick man, driller, and now manager-purchasing.

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KIMBALL, MARK WARD

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The Ortiz family, Phoenix, Arizona, 1983. Left to right: Rachel Ortiz, Rochelle (Kimball) Ortiz, baby Irene Ortiz, Roberto Ortiz, and Teresa Ortiz.

The Wyoming Countrymans — Mark Ward, of Dorothy (Countryman), of Mark Ward, of Charles Raynor.

Mark Ward Kimball, second son of Dorothy (Countryman) Kimball and Gerald Ward Kimball, grandson of Mark Ward and Ida

Mark Ward Kimball, Airman first class, 1953, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi.

Ronald Sondergaard, Dorothy Ida Jean Sondergaard, and their daughter, Stephanie Rose, 1979, Phoenix, Arizona.

Irene Countryman, great-grandson of Charles Raynor and Anna (Bartell) Countryman, was born October 22, 1932, in Lander, Wyoming. He married Rose Hughes October 7, 1957, in Lander. They had two daughters, Rochelle Denise and Dorothy Ida Jean. Mark died September 12, 1959, in Salt Lake City, Utah, and is buried in Riverton, Wyoming.

Mark was born in the Bishop Randall Hospital in Lander. He weighed four and one-half pounds. The nurse called him "a little wart on a pickle." Mark was soon called Twist by his Grandpa (a name which stuck).

When we were on the homestead Twist got rabbit fever playing in an old shed that had dead rabbits in it. We took him to Dr. Holtz in Lander. He was a mighty sick little three-year-old. After many trips to the doctor, the back of his neck was lanced and it drained for nearly two months.

One time his new hat blew off his head into the Sweetwater River and he told his Grandma, "Fate is fate."

When Twist was five we spent the winter in Shoshoni, Wyoming, and lived near the railroad tracks. One day Mr. Cox, owner of the lumberyard, saw him running back and forth on top of the box cars trying to find his way back down, so Mr. Cox rescued him and brought him home.

As he grew older he worked summers on his grandparents' ranch on the Sweetwater. He graduated in 1950 from Riverton high School.

In 1952 he enlisted in the Air Force and went to Lackland Air Force Base in Texas for basic training; then to Biloxi, Mississippi, where he trained to be a radio intercept operator. He was sent to St. Lawrence Island (the loneliest place in the world). He was ready to be discharged from the service when a large mole on his neck near his collar bone was tested malignant. He had several operations. All the glands were removed under his arm and the muscle in his neck was so damaged by the scalpel it had to be removed. Then came many weeks of therapy to teach other muscles to take over. He worked hard at it and eventually could rope (he belonged to the roping club on the Sweetwater), bowl and work in the oil fields.

October 7, 1957, Mark married Rose Hughes (a divorcee with six kids). Rochelle Denise was born on May 31, 1958.

They left Riverton on Armistice Day 1958 for Salt Lake City, Utah, where Mark enrolled in school studying metallurgical engineering. He passed with good grades although he was battling cancer. In June he called me to come help; he was ill and Rose was again with child. I stayed from June 6 to September 12, 1959, when Mark passed away. We brought Shelley (one year) and Patricia, her half sister (age two) home with us; and buried Mark alongside his brother Eddie in Riverton. Rose's mother came from Denver to take care of the brood in Salt Lake City.

Dorothy Ida Jean arrived January 12, 1960, just four months from the day her Daddy died. When she was six weeks old Rose brought her and came to Riverton to collect her two little girls. After taking care of them for nine months, no one will ever know my sorrow in parting with them. The years have gone by and, like Topsy, they eventually grew up — surprisingly well under the circumstances.

Rochelle was an unwed mother at age 14. Teresa Marie was born January 16, 1974. Rochelle married Roberto Ortiz June 18, 1976. Rachel Lynn was born March 5, 1977, and Irene April 3, 1981. They live in Phoenix, Arizona, where Roberto works as manager of a golf course. Shelley is employed as a stenographer, as well as mother and housewife.

Dorothy Ida Jean married Ron Sondergaard June 16, 1977. They have one daughter, Stephanie Rose, born December 12, 1977. Ron works as a computer programmer. Dorothy is going to school. They also live in Phoenix.

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KIMBALL, MILES ANDREW

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The Wyoming Countrymans — Miles, of Gerald, of Dorothy (Countryman), of Mark Ward, of Charles Raynor.

Miles Andrew Kimball is the second son of Gerald Ward and Jean Kimball, Jr., grandson of Gerald Ward and Dorothy (Countryman) Kimball, great-grandson of Mark and Ida Countryman, and great-great-grandson of Charles Raynor and Anna (Bartell) Countryman.

Erin Leigh Kimball, school picture, 1983, Grants, New Mexico.

Amy Lynn Kimball, school picture, 1983, Grants, New Mexico.

Miles Andrew Kimball, Class of 1982, Grants, New Mexico.

Miles was 11 when he went to live in Grants, New Mexico. In school he was so far ahead of his class the teacher advanced him one grade. The kids there called him "Computer Brain."

In August 1977 we went to New Mexico to visit for ten days, and had a great time. Gary took his father on a tour of the uranium mine. They took us to El Morro Castle and up on Mt. Taylor. We had a picnic and Gary took home a load of firewood for his fireplace.

Miles was working mowing lawns at this time. Later he worked at the Weinersnitzel as fry cook, and still later, Artic Circle. Jean said, "Miles is my little Countryman." They came to Wyoming to see us in July 1982 in their Winnebago motor home. They took us to Thermopolis where they enjoyed swimming. We enjoyed that trip and eating out and being together.

Miles has been to college two terms now at Wyland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas. This year Miles took U.S. History since 1866, Europe since 1815, Middle Ages Literature, Educational Psychology, and German. He got all As on everything but German. He worked in the English office and played in a pit orchestra for a school musical.

Last summer he worked for Gulf Oil in computers. This summer Miles is going to a seminar in Alanta, Georgia — topic: Mark Twain and Jonathan Swift.

Miles will be 21 this fall, Amy 14, and Erin 11. They are the last of the Kimball children home this summer (1985) on Nodaway Lane, Spring, Texas.

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KIMBALL, ROBERT WARD

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The Wyoming Countrymans — Robert, of Gerald, Jr., of Dorothy (Countryman), of Mark Ward, of Charles Raynor.

Sergeant Robert Kimball, 1975.

Robert Ward Kimball is the oldest son of Gerald Ward and Jean Kimball, Jr., grandson of Gerald Ward and Dorothy (Countryman) Kimball, great-grandson of Mark and Ida Countryman, and great-great-grandson of Charles Raynor and Anna (Bartell) Countryman.

Robert was born September 26, 1953, in Riverton, Wyoming. He married Rebecca Hibbs March 10, 1973, in Weston, Missouri. Their children are: Laura Ann, born November 19, 1973, in Weston, Missouri; Scott, born in Germany June 9, 1977; and Brian, born April 18, 1979, in Weston, Missouri. Robert and Rebecca divorced in 1979. He married Penny Sedpeary April 27, 1985, in Grants, New Mexico.

When Bobby was about three his Great-Grandma Countryman took him jade hunting south of her ranch. He looked all around him and then said, "But, Grandma, where are all the houses?" Bobby was younger yet when I took him to the R.N.A. juvenile Christmas party which was held in the Scout cabin down on the river. It was a nice winter day. Bobby became restless so I took him outside. I regretted doing so as he took off running along the ice on the river bank with me in hot pursuit right behind him in my high heels.

Bob decided to finish the last part of his senior year in high school at his Grandma Sandell's in Weston, Missouri. She had a variety store and Bob could help her. Later she moved to Blue Springs, Missouri. Bobby entered the National Guard. Later he enlisted in the army. On November 7, 1975, he flew from New Jersey to Frankfurt, Germany, for three years' service. Becky and Laura joined him in February 1976. Bob was assigned to an air defence artillery unit. Bob wrote the Germans were very nice people and received the Americans very well. He enjoyed learning the German language.

He joined the European Rodeo Association. They had about 11 rodeos planned. He rode a saddle bronc named "Canker Sore," winning $112.00 prize money and a silver belt buckle. The German people loved the rodeos — 3,000 people attended that day. They spent a lot of time at the stables and Laura and Scotty rode horses. They left Germany October 1, 1978.

Bob's next assignment was Ft. Knox,

Kentucky. He had the rank of sergeant when his enlistment was up. Brian was born and Bob and Becky divorced in 1979.

It was six years later when Bob married Penny in Grants, New Mexico, in his sister Cathie's lovely yard.

At this time they are both employed by Best Western Inn in Grants, New Mexico.

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KLAEGER, NEITA (COUNTRYMAN)

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Neita, of Roger Simmons, of Marcellus L. Neita Countryman, born in 1930, daughter

Neita Countryman and Max Klaeger, taken in Munich in October 1951 when they became engaged.

Thomas John Klaeger and Elisabeth Anne Klaeger, children of Max and Neita (Countryman) Klaeger, taken as a present for their father's 60th birthday.

of Roger Simmons Countryman of St. Paul, Minnesota, married Max Klaeger, born in Stuttgart, Germany, in 1925. He grew up in Carinthia, Austria, where his father worked as a management executive with the Austro-American Magnesite Corporation located near Villach, Carinthia.

The documented Klaeger genealogy leads back as far as the year 1480: generations of tenant farmers, bricklayers, iron smiths, and teachers in and around the little town of Dornstetten in the Black Forest. Max's grandfather was a teacher and a poet of local fame. His mother, nee Fecht, traced her origins back to the Swabian Mountains southeast of Stuttgart, in and around the little town of Urach: generations of weavers, bakers, and carpenters.

The headquarters of the mining firm moved to Munich in 1940 . . . there Max graduated from a college preparatory high school in 1943 and was soon afterwards inducted into the German Army (Wehrmacht). He was sent to the southern and western fronts. Due to his special knack for the English language he later in the war transferred to an interpreters unit. He secretly joined a group of German soldiers (Freedom Action Bavaria) who had contact with the anti-Hitler resistance movement of July 1944. In the spring of 1945 Max was taken prisoner by elements of the U.S. Tenth Armored Division. After some awful experiences in overcrowded PW camps he managed to get into a PW Labor Service Company, which cleaned up U.S. ammunitions dumps in Belgium. In September 1946 he was released and returned to his parents.

Back in Munich he began to study at the Academy of Fine Arts and at the university. After having completed his professional training as a teacher of art and English, he received a scholarship of the U.S. government to study at the University of Minnesota (1950–51). In the fall of 1950 he met Neita Countryman at a party of the German Club. After a year of teaching back in Munich, Max returned for another year to the university (this time as an assistant in the art education department) and enrolled in a Ph.D. program.

On June 12, 1953, Max and Neita were married in The House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, Minnesota, and returned to Germany. Three years later (1956) Max received his Ph.D. degree from the U. of M. In the same year, on Armistice Day, their son Thomas was born, in the same hospital as Neita was born and where her father was head of the OB and GYN department.

In 1960 Max and Neita built a house on the outskirts of Munich. In the meantime Max had started a successful career as an art teacher and as a printmaker. In 1971 he joined the faculty of the School of Education in Heidelberg. He holds a full professorship in art and education, has many publications, among them five books, to his credit. Max has become an authority on the art of children and of the mentally handicapped and lectures extensively in and outside of Germany. His research in this area continues. In connection with the special education of his work, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross of the Federal Republic of Germany.

A few years after the move to Heidelberg, Max and Neita built a new house in a beautiful location east of Heidelberg in the Neckar Valley on a half-acre lot. Their two children, Thomas (1956) and Lisa (1959), graduated from Neckargemund college prep hichschool. Tom served two years with the paratroopers of the Bunderswehr (German Army) as a reserve officer and then took up medical studies at the University of Heidelberg. He is now (1986) working as an M.D. at the county hospital in Fussen by the Bavarian Alps. Lisa studied church music in Heidelberg. She graduated in 1985 and is now working as a part time organist and choir director while looking for a permanent job.

Neita's time was well taken up with the privilege of being a full time housewife and mother. But with the encouragement of Max and the help of many friends, she managed to continue her training as a violinist and violist and has spent countless happy and rewarding hours over the years playing in four large orchestras and in many church concerts (for example, accompanying Handel's *Messiah* or Haydn's *Creation*); and most delightful of all in various chamber groups (quartet all the way up to Mendelssohn's string oktett).

As an afterthought Neita adds, "All through grade school and high school I studied French and, while liking it well enough, I never felt particularly comfortable in that language. In 1948 I started German at Stanford University and almost immediately felt at home with it. My first professor even commented that it was almost uncanny how correct my pronunciation was. Perhaps those German genes from way back sort of gathered together to call me back to the old country. For after a short homesickness for my family I came to feel quite at home in Germany."

by Neita (Countryman) Klaeger

KLINKHART, AMOS & FREDERICA (LEHLIN)

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In May of 1986 I called Patty (Boyles) Cordes, the granddaughter of Belle (Countryman) Boyle in search of a picture of our great-grandmother, Caroline (Klinkhart) Countryman, who had lived with Belle the remaining years until her death in 1949. Patty and her sister Susan went out to the James Alonzo Countryman farm home, which is still in the possession of their family, and located a box of collectable items of the memories of the descendants of the Rachel, Richard and John Contreman family. Among the items that arrived in the box were the original handwritten documents of John Contreman's will and list of his children, both dated in the 1780s, photos, and a handwritten diary of Caroline's recollection of the years in New York and her family life. I have transcribed the following.

Diary of Caroline (Klinkhart) Countryman

"Amos Klinkhart and his wife Fredericka Leylin — son Augustus — a baby — came from Hanover Germany in 1840 — settled at Canajoharie — stone mason — father of Amos was a minister. He died when Amos was 9 yrs old — father taught him some Eng. and he thought he would be able to get along in America but found he couldn't, so went to school and mother went out and worked at house work. Then worked church at masonry. 7 more children John – Clara – George –

Amos Klinkhart (November 8, 1819–1905) and Frederica (Lehlin) Klinkhart (died 1902) were married February 25, 1839, in Germany.

Caroline (Klinkhart) Countryman (8 April 1847–8 June 1949), wife of James Alonzo.

Caroline – Melia – Fannie – Henry [She left out William, born about 1851/54 and died as a child.] Moved to St Johnsville about 1853 Worked at coopers trade. Went to live with Moses C[ountryman] at age of 7 or 8 — Amos moved back to Canjoharie — 2 yrs. then got homesick. Went back. Father worked in St Johnsville in a Distellery — made high wines, overseer. I remember it was made of Western corn. the first I had ever seen. I remember the long horned steers in a stable connecting the distillery — they were fed the 'slops' — which was run out in vats and from there in troughs in the feeding yard. I used to go up stairs and watch them from the window, when they were run by water power. 1000.00 per year — considered big salary. Confiscated when war broke out and they moved back to Canajoharie. Father bought a little farm on the outskirts of Can. built a little green house — made flower pots by hand, built his own oven and tread wheel — great love for nature — built bird cages 5 ft long — and kept birds in the summer fastened to the house. And let them out when time to migrate. Method capturing — Made a paste and cut twigs — birds would fall to ground and he caught. Great flower lover — knew every flower & weed that grew. Wonderful orchard — every variety — grafted. And all the time smoking a clay pipe. Once when I was there visiting I said to my mother 'I wish he'd stop smoking and she said oh well if it makes him happy, let him smoke. My mother never learned to read English so my father always took a German paper. We never spoke Ger. in the family — I can remember my father mumbled to cuss. He did it in Ger. so that the children wouldnt understand. How I happened to leave my home — always when Moses C[ountryman] — went to the Tannery. I would be out amon the flowers and I would visit with him — he'd always say he wished he had a little girl as he had two boys and so I bcame interested and one day dashed in and ask mother if I could go. She said yes' Grandpa Moses had two children. Jadua by first wife and Charlie by second. Charlie died at age of 9 yrs. of spinal meningitis — was visiting his grandfather Cooper and buried in Cold Brook. Jadua was in the war then and later when war closed was mustered out and sleeping at Fort Fisher at Key West Florida when explosion occurred and was blown to bits. [Jadua's military records show that Fort Fisher is in North Carolina and he was still serving out his three-year enlistment. A battle was raging at the time of Jadua's death.] I well remember how heart broken they were. Went to stay — 2 or 3 days — came back sick. School in St. Johnsville — district & private. Youngest child Charlie died — Judua — then war. Fort Plain Sem. came on and I was 14. August, John, Geo. enlisted all came back. John still living — Out of 8 children — 6 lived to be eighty & over. Uncle Moses moved from St. J[ohnsville] to Shokan — tannery — 22 years. Whitestorm — Whites Seminary — Co Ed — near Hamilton College in same town. Met pa [James A.] when 18 yrs. Moved 2 yrs to Mohawk after trip west. — Up to that time I had seen pa [James A.] 3 times — married — by minister — Grandpa M — came west after War. before brick house was built. 21 yrs — Grandpa M owned farm where A. Lazier lives — sold to John E. Went back — Came with Uncle M. 1 yr after marriage. Little couse — after Thanksgiving — Sept. 2 mo. May come back to stay — '74."

by Janet (Countryman) Current

KLINKHART, CAROLINE

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Caroline, wife of James Alonzo, of Daniel, of John I, of John.

Caroline "Carrie" Klinkhart was born in Canajaharie, New York, on April 18, 1848, the daughter of Frederica Lehlin and Amos Klinkhart who migrated to America about 1840 from Germany (no record). Caroline came from a family of nine children, five brothers and three sisters: Augustus was born in Germany about 1839, while the remainder were born in New York; Clarissa, born in 1841; John, born in 1845; Caroline, born 1848, the subject of this biography; Amelia, born 1849; William, born 1851/1854 and died as a child; Fanny, born 1857; and Henry, born 1859. A personal visit with William, Jessie and Evelyn Shannon, the children of Caroline's brother John, in February 1985 in Bradenton, Florida, confirmed some of the stories I had been told about Great-grandmother Carrie's growing up. The family name Klinkhart is an old German name going back to 1282 with a Gozelin Clinkarthe living in Schmieden, Germany. Unfortunately, a connection with our American Klinkhart has not been made, yet. Amos did not discuss his life before coming to America.

Caroline stood along the train tracks of Canjaharies, New York, and watched the funeral train of Abraham Lincoln pass by in April of 1865. At about the age of 17 years Caroline lived in the home of Moses and Mary Countryman. At the age of 27, Caroline married James Alonzo Countryman (age 33 years) of Lynville Township, Ogle County, Illinois, in Stark, Herkimer County, New York. It was possible for the bride and groom to travel from Canajaharie by canal and the Great Lakes to Chicago at that time.

During the late years of Caroline's life, she lived with her daughter Belle and her husband, John Boyle, in a gracious home at 346 Linden Place, DeKalb, Illinois. Caroline would return to the Boyle farm and stay in the small home in which Floyd was born and where she had spent her early married years with James Alonzo until he built the beautiful brick home. In 1947 many members of the family wrote to the Tom Brenneman radio program, on which he honored the oldest person of the day with an orchid, to verify that Carrie would be a century on April 18th. On her birthday, the orchid arrived, as did friends and a host of relatives. Caroline Ives, daughter of Ralph and Margaret Countryman (and Carrie's namesake, for she was born on April 18) and her children came from Western Springs for the festivities.

Carrie broke her hip and for the last several years remained bedridden until her death at 9:45 a.m. June 08, 1949, at St. Mary's

Hospital, DeKalb, Illinois, at the age of 102 years, 1 month, and 20 days. Funeral arrangements were conducted by Ronan Mortuary of DeKalb. Visitations and funeral services were held in the home of her daughter Belle and John Boyle. Burial took place in Lindenwood Cemetery, Lindenwood, Illinois, next to her husband, James Alonzo Countryman.

The following poem was found among the items of Caroline Klinkhard and Belle Boyle.

To Aunt Carrie

One hundred and two!
    What a long span—
It isn't very often
    Encompassed by many
And Yet, when it is
    And the years are well spent
We should be grateful
    For the extra time lent—
We hail you Aunt Carrie
    Senior of the clan
Oldest to honor
    The name Countryman—
May the days you have left
    Be free from all strife
And may you be happy
    The rest of your life—

—Lee Shaw
Dallas, Texas
17 April 1949

Lee Shaw may be descended from Della Viola Countryman who married Orange Lee Shaw. I do not have any direct lineage information on the family of Lee Shaw.

by Janet (Countryman) Current

KONTERMAN, ANDREAS FRANTZ & CORNELIA (KEYSER)

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Andreas Frantz, of Johann Fredriech.

Andreas Frantz, son of Johann Fredriech and Maria Barbara (Simon), was born in Germany. On September 6, 1728, in Kingston, New York, he married Cornelia Keyser. Cornelia (bp. June 6, 1703, in Marbletown, New York) was the daughter of Cornelius and Margriet (Sluyler) Keyser. They had at least three children: Zamuel (bp. October 5, 1729), Andries (bp. April 30, 1732), and Frederick (bp. March 25, 1733).

Andreas Frantz married his first wife, Sybilla "Anna" Sheerman, on September 19, 1715. They had at least three children: Elisabeth (born September 20, 1716), Johann Heinrich (born September 8, 1719), and Anna Barbara (born March 1722).

Andreas Frantz died ca. 1738 in Ulster County, New York.

by Margaret Haper

KRIDER, FRANK & LAURA (COUNTRYMAN)

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Frank Ellsworth and Laura Elsie (Countryman) Krider.

The Canadian Countrymans — Laura, of James Albert, of Martin, of John, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st.

Laura Elsie Countryman came to Pittsburgh with a girlfriend to work in an office. While in Pittsburgh she met Frank Ellsworth Krider at an outside ice rink. Laura was a good ice skater. She was on the Tweed, Ontario, ice hockey team as a young girl. She and Frank Krider married on September 5, 1911, along with her brother, William Countryman, who married Pearl Palmateer.

Frank and Laura Krider resided in Wilkinsburg, a suburb of Pittsburgh. They had a son, John Albert Krider, born January 11, 1914. He died April 20, 1978. A second son, Frank Ellsworth Krider, Jr., was born September 13, 1923.

Laura and Frank spent all their summer vacations with her parents on the Countryman farm near Tweed, Ontario, and later years with her brother, John Countryman of Tweed.

Laura was born January 3, 1887 and died June 29, 1982. Frank, Sr., was born September 28, 1884, and died January 2, 1976.

John Albert Krider was married on March 14, 1942, to Charlotte Grieve, born September 25, 1920. They were the parents of two daughters, Claudia and Cynthia. Claudia Lee Krider, born June 29, 1947, was married on July 7, 1970, to Mark David Stover, born March 7, 1948. Their two children are Shelby Erin Stover, born September 28, 1976, and Whitney Lauren Stover, born April 1, 1979. Cynthia Krider, born December 20, 1956, was married on June 20, 1981, to Brian William Sharpe, born January 15, 1956.

Frank Krider, Jr., was married on May 30, 1948, to Dora Irene Hughes, born November 13, 1926. They are the parents of two children, Kenneth Alan Krider, born March 24, 1956, and Kathy Ann Krider, born December 22, 1959. Kenneth Krider was married on April 14, 1984, to Lisa Jane Davis, born August 6, 1960.

by Frank E. Krider, Jr.

KROM, GEORGE & SARAH (COUNTRYMAN)

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Sarah, of William, of Benjamin.

Sarah Ellen Countryman was born March 11, 1875, in High Falls, New York, to William and Mary Countryman. She lived with her parents in Ulster County, New York, until October 12, 1893, when she married George Myers Krom in Kingston, New York. George was born in Atwood, New York, where he took my grandmother, Sarah, to live after their marriage. They lived on a big farm in a section of Atwood called "The Vly" (a Dutch word meaning swamp). There is a record of a Krom farm on Searawan Road in that part of Atwood.

They had three children: a son born before the year 1900; my mother, Addie Mae, born October 21, 1900; and a son, Lionel, born July 4, 1902. Addie Mae and Lionel were both born in Atwood, New York. The first son died before he was one year old and I don't know where he was born or his name.

Sarah Ellen lived to be 88 years old and died on March 10, 1963, in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where she had come to live with her married son Lionel soon after her husband George died on February 23, 1917, in Kingston, New York.

After her father died, my mother Addie remained in Kingston, living with friends and working in a shirt factory. While living there, Addie became a member of the St. James United Methodist Church and attended elementary school, district # 11. She also remembers, after her father died, going to Mount McGregor outside of Saratoga Springs, New York, with her brother and mother. They worked in a tuberculosis sanitarium built by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in 1913 for the treatment of its employees who contracted tuberculosis, the theory of the time being that clean air and fresh food were the cure for T.B.

Mount McGregor had been occupied in 1885 by President Grant who went there to complete his memoirs. Grant, realizing he had a short time to live, wanted to complete his writings and insure his family an income after his death. He stayed in a cottage near the lookout. Grant died on July 23, 1885, six weeks after his arrival. The cottage, renamed Grant's Cottage, is still there to be seen.

My mother met my father, Abraham Cornelius Wood, and later they married on December 14, 1924, in Teaneck, New Jersey. They drove from Kingston, New York, to Teaneck, New Jersey, and back again in a

snowstorm the same day to be married. After their marriage they lived at 210 Foxhall Ave. in Kingston, where my father was employed as a chauffeur (truck driver) for Stock and Cords, Inc., a furniture company at 76 Broadway Street.

Addie and Abraham (he later changed his name to Abram) had five children. James was the first, born on August 1, 1926, in Kingston. He later married Lillian Fox on February 26, 1949, in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and raised five children. Robert (which by the way is me) was the next, born on July 8, 1928, in Kingston. I later married Marianne Smith April 29, 1950, in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and raised two children.

After I was born my mother and father moved to Bridgeport, Connecticut, where my brother Allan was born on May 14, 1934. Allan later married Joan Chixmadia and they raised six children before Allan died on April 20, 1985. The next to be born was my sister Helen Mae, on September 30, 1939, in Bridgeport. She was to later marry Alden Barnes. They had four children and are now living in Saugerties, New York, where her husband is a minister. Last but not least to be born was Carol Ann on March 3, 1942, in Bridgeport. Carol later married Raymond Rodelsturtz and had two children. They are still living in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

My father, Abram, on a return visit to Kingston, died there on April 19, 1946, and was buried there. My mother was a member of the Golden Hill Methodist Church at 210 Elm Street in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and following my father's death went to work there as a housekeeper. She held this position for some 34 years. My mother, Addie, lived to be 85 years old and died on December 26, 1985, in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where she is buried in the same cemetery as her mother.

by Robert Wood

KUMPULA — FREY

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The Franklin Frey family, 1985. Standing left to right: Tamara, Tristan and Travis. Seated: Mildred, Troy, and Franklin.

Mildred, of Lillian Fern (Countryman), of Delbert J., of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Mildred Fern (Kumpula) Frey, daughter of Lillian Fern Countryman and Melvin Edward Kumpula, was born September 6, 1943, in Wadena, Minnesota. I have one sister, Melvina Marie (Kumpula) Volkert. We lived on a farm near Sebeka, Minnesota, until moving to Iowa in 1947.

I attended school in Moville, Iowa, and two country schools in Arlington Township, Woodbury County, Iowa, during my elementary years. The family moved to a farm near Correctionville, Iowa, in 1958, where I graduated from high school in 1961. I graduated from Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing in 1964 and began working as a registered nurse at Winnebago Indian Health Service Hospital at Winnebago, Nebraska.

I married Franklin Kenneth Frey on November 27, 1965. Franklin is the oldest son of Frank W. and Lillian (Wolf) Frey. He was born April 18, 1939, and has two younger sisters, Diane and Carolyn. He also has an older half brother, Wayne Jensen. After we were married we lived on a farm near Emerson, Nebraska. This is the farm Franklin has lived on since he was five years old, and we are living on the same farm now.

We have four children: Tristan Franklin, born May 14, 1972; Travis Caleb, born September 30, 1974; Tamara Rae, born February 24, 1977; and Troy Dustin, born September 7, 1979. They were all born in Sioux City, Iowa.

I continued to work as a nurse at Winnebago until June of 1975 when I decided to remain at home with the children. During the next ten years I became very involved with the farming operation. In September of 1985 I returned to nursing at Winnebago Hospital where I am working at this time.

Our family are active members of the Presbyterian Church in Pender, Nebraska. I have been a Sunday School teacher, Bible School teacher, an officer in women's organizations, and am currently serving as a deacon. The children have attended Sunday School regularly and Tristan was recently confirmed.

The children are interested in sports. Tristan has participated in football, basketball and track, and will be a freshman in high school this year. The other children have been very talented in their elementary track meets. Travis is interested in music and plays piano and trumpet. Our family enjoys water skiing and snow skiing, and attempts to have at least one seasonal outing of each.

by Mrs. Mildred Frey

KUMPULA – VOLKERT

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Melvina, of Fern (Countryman), of Dell.

Melvina Marie, second daughter of Melvin Kumpula and Fern (Countryman) Kumpula, was born April 12, 1945, at Wadena, Minnesota. I have one sister, Mildred, a year and a half older than myself. We moved to a farm east of Moville, Iowa, when I was about three years old. We lived on several farms in the Moville and Correctionville area until my marriage in 1965. Since then my husband and family have resided on the same farm north of Correcionville, Iowa.

Back row left to right: David, Melvina, and Brian Volkert; Ted Wesselmann. Front row left to right: Christy Volkert; Brenda and Dustin Wesselmann.

I feel fortunate to have attended country school in my early years. The "family" feeling you got there was very special. Mrs. Olive Bashaw was our teacher.

I remember riding on horse-drawn machinery with Grandpa Dell Countryman, and later on tractors with my dad, especially at threshing time. I saw my first baby mice when Uncles Willard and Donald found a nest in the threshing maching and chased me round it with them! I was disappointed when that harvesting era came to an end. The tremendous threshing machine, the large group of men that went from farm to farm, and the great meals my mother would prepare for them is something we'll never see again.

Mom always raised a large garden which fed us well. The rest of the groceries came from cream and egg money. We usually had milk cows and I remember in 1955 we flooded out (the West Fork River by Moville) and then we had droughts for two years. Mom, Mildred and I did the milking (by hand) while Dad went to work in the packing plant. Times were hard then but it has made me more able to cope with today's economy.

We didn't have television until I was in seventh grade. We learned to enjoy quiet evenings together reading, playing games, or just visiting. However, it was always a special treat to go to Grandma and Grandpa Countryman's on Saturday night to watch "Lassie" and "Roy Rogers."

I attended Moville school through seventh grade and then Correctionville until I graduated in 1963. It was here I met my husband David, son of Marvin Volkert and Alice (Utesch) Volkert. After high school David went to the army reserve and I attended beauty school in Sioux City, Iowa. I started my own shop in 1964 and am still operating it today.

In 1965 Dave and I were married and moved to our present home north of Correctionville. Our daughter Brenda Lynne was born October 23, 1965, in Sioux City. She graduated from Eastwood High School in 1984 and then attended Morningside College for one year, majoring in music. While there she met Ted Wesselmann from Bancroft, Iowa. They were married in 1985 and now live on a farm near Akron, Iowa. They presented us with our first grandchild, Dustin Jonathan, on January 4, 1986.

Our son, Brian David, was born October 9,

1967, in Sioux City. He has been an active football player at Eastwood and is interested in trapping and mechanics. He will graduate in 1986 and plans to attend Northwest Iowa Technical College at Sheldon, Iowa, majoring in diesel mechanics.

Our second daughter, Christine Marie, was born August 21, 1972, and came to live with us on September 14, 1972. Christy is going to be in high school at Eastwood next year and is a super completion to our family — we were so fortunate to adopt her!

Dave farms in a corporation with his brother and raises a large number of feeder pigs each year. In addition to my beauty shop I have been raising bucket calves. Dad got me started with five calves. Since Dad died in 1982 I have expanded from ten to 110 calves and keep most of them at Mom's. Dad always liked his Minnesota Holsteins — I think he would enjoy seeing them on his farm now.

Dave and I both are born farmers — though it is a struggle now. We have both been doing woodworking this past year as a money-making and relaxing hobby. But mostly we enjoy our family and love watching them grow. It's pretty great to be called Grandpa and Grandma, too!

by Melvina Volkert

KUMPULA, MELVIN & L. FERN (COUNTRYMAN)

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Fern, of Delbert, of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredriech.

L. Fern, daughter of Delbert and Millie Jane (Hendricks) Countryman, was born November 13, 1920, at their farm home two and one-half miles east of Moville, Iowa. Our family lived there until 1922, when we moved to a farm northeast of our present home. I started to school while living there, and had one and one-half miles to walk to school.

Melvin and Fern Kumpula, taken for their 25th wedding anniversary in 1967, Correctionville, Iowa.

In 1928 my folks bought the farm homesteaded by my grandparents from the estate. This was the farm where I had been born. Here my three brothers and two sisters and I grew to adulthood. One brother, Lawrence, died in 1925 when he was nine months old. I was the oldest in the family, so much of my time was spent helping Mom with household tasks and caring for my brothers and sisters.

I attended country school through the eighth grade and graduated from Moville High School in 1939. I went on to Wayne State College in Nebraska for one year. I then taught school for two years, one in Rutland Township and one in Arlington Township, Woodbury County, Iowa.

The summer of 1941 I sent to Sebeka, Minnesota, to visit relatives and there met Melvin Kumpula. He was a good friend of my cousin Jack Morgan. Melvin's parents were Gust Kaleb and Henna (Wirkkala) Kumpula. Melvin was born October 24, 1918, near Sebeka, Minnesota. Melvin had four brothers and four sisters. His father died when he was 16. Being the oldest son at home, Melvin had the responsibility of helping his mother with the farm and five younger children.

We were married August 22, 1942, in Sebeka, Minnesota, and lived in a small two-room house they built on his mother's farm. Melvin and his brother Edwin continued to farm with their mother. While we were living there our first daughter, Mildred Fern, was born September 6, 1943, in Wadena, Minnesota.

In the fall of 1944 we moved to a large dairy farm south of Sebeka, Minnesota. While living there our second daughter, Melvina Marie, was born April 12, 1945, in Wadena, Minnesota.

When the girls were little we could purchase feed in printed bags. I made most of their clothes, so they had many dresses made from the printed bags, and quite often dresses alike from the same print. The girls attended both rural and town schools, depending on where we lived. Many rural schools were closing and some districts bused their students to town.

In the fall of 1947 we moved to Moville, Iowa, staying with my folks until March 1, 1948. We were then able to move to the farm we had rented with my brother Willard. This was about a mile east of the folks' farm. While staying with my parents, Melvin worked for Edward Weaver.

We lived on various places around Moville. Some of these years being pretty lean, Melvin went to work lugging beef in the packing house in Sioux City, Iowa, after the crops were harvested. During this time I learned to milk cows and the girls and I did the evening chores one winter while Melvin was working.

In 1958 we moved to a farm three miles east of Correctionville, Iowa. We lived there for about five years and then on two other farms in the Correctionville area before purchasing the farm northeast of Correctionville in May 1967. We rented additional land and Melvin did some custom work for several years. Then he worked part time for a contractor helping build new homes. We built a new home on the farm which we moved into in 1979.

I was active in 4-H, both as a member and leader. I am also an active member of the Methodist Church, P.E.O., and Women's Club.

Melvin died May 4, 1982, from a heart attack. I continued the farm operation that year with the help of family and friends. In 1983 I rented the land to our son-in-law David Volkert, who is farming the land at the present time. I am still living on the farm.

by Fern Kumpula

KURIGER, MARSHALL

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Marshall, great-grandson of Joseph and Nancy Countryman.

Marshall F. Kuriger married Anna Radakovich. Of this union four children were born:

Marshall Kuriger.

Harley, Marsha, Roy, and Linda.

Harley married Mara Grubisich, and they have one son. Marsha married Stacy Miller. They have two sons and one daughter. Roy married Judith Stefanski and they have two sons. Linda and her husband, Peter Mikula, have one daughter.

Marshall served in World War II, in heavy equipment. They marched alongside with the Russians when they invaded Berlin. His son Roy served in Vietnam.

by Ida Campbell

LANDWEHR – CEDERBERG

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Lavone, of Horace, of Mary Anna (Countryman), of Abram, of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

The third child of Horace Clayton

Landwehr and Esther Hilder Hanson was Lavone Elrene. The family resided on a farm west of Hooppole, Yorktown Township, Henry County, Illinois.

Lavone, born June 11, 1924, married Harland Wilford (Bud) Cederberg May 13, 1944. Harland's birthday is December 6, 1917. Two children were born to this union.

(1) Karen Sue Cederberg was born November 25, 1946, and married to Richard Peter Hebert on June 21, 1974, in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Richard was born December 20, 1946. They have one son, Nathan E. Hebert, born May 24, 1981. Karen works for Kohls and is the store administrator budget analyst. Rich is sales manager for Orkin Company. They reside in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin.

(2) George Allen Cederberg was born July 18, 1950. He married Annette L. Goeser September 22, 1984. George is research farm manager for Hubbard Milling Company in Mankato, Minnesota, where they reside, and Annette works in the office as a feed formulator, also for Hubbard.

Harland and Lavone are presently farming, and have lived on the same farm at Galva, Illinois, all their married life.

by Lorraine Weick

LANDWEHR - MILNES

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Verda, of Horace, of Mary Anna (Countryman), of Abram, of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Verda Irene was the second child born to Horace Clayton Landwehr and Esther Hilder Hanson. She was born and raisd on the family farm west of Hooppole, Yorktown Township, Henry County, Illinois.

Verda Irene Landwehr, born October 26, 1922, was married to Kenneth R. Nelson in Durham, North Carolina, on November 14, 1942. Kenneth was born August 25, 1918. He was killed in the Battle of the Bulge (Germany) in World War II on December 21, 1944. Their son, Kent Eugene Nelson, was born November 10, 1943, in Durham, North Carolina.

Verda (Landwehr) Nelson married Bernard D. Milnes on August 18, 1946. Bernard was born December 12, 1924. Bernard adopted Verda's son Kent in the spring of 1947.

Kent Eugene Nelson Milnes married Sandy McCormack August 15, 1965. Sandy McCormack's birthday is January 1, 1943. Kent and Sandy have two sons, Kary William Milnes, born October 30, 1967, and Paul K. Milnes, born February 11, 1971. Kent and Sandy live in Elkhart, Indiana.

To Verda and Bernard was born a second son, John ("Johnny") Bernard Milnes on July 30, 1947. John Milnes married Rita J. Carter May 15, 1973. Rita was born February 5, 1945. They have two children, Jessica, born September 21, 1979, and Justin, born April 3, 1982. They live in Salem, Oregon.

Verda passed away September 8, 1982, of cancer. Bernard, a Chrysler and Plymouth dealer, has since remarried and lives in Kewanee, Illinois, where he and Verda had also lived.

by Lorraine Weick

LANDWEHR - REILEY

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Lenore, of Horace, of William, of Mary Anna (Countryman), of Abram, of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Lenore Atha was the first child born to Horace Clayton Landwehr and Esther Hilder Hanson. She was born and raised on the family farm west of Hooppole, Yorktown Township, Henry County, Illinois. The following information was supplied by family members.

Daughters of Horace and Esther Landwehr. Left to right: Avis and her husband Curtis Horton, Lenore (Landwehr) Reiley, Lavone and Harland (Bud) Cederberg. Taken in Illinois, May 1985 before Avis and Curt moved to Florida.

Lenore Atha Landwehr was born September 4, 1920. She married James Oliver Reiley December 31, 1940. James Reiley was born March 10, 1911; he passed away October 29, 1964.

Lenore married Edward Oscar Meenen July 2, 1965; they were divorced October 8, 1965. Ed Meenen was born September 5, 1919.

One son, Clarence Ambrose Reiley, was born July 1, 1941. Clarence married Rita Jane Redell January 23, 1965. Rita's birthday is April 29, 1944. Rita and Clarence's children (all are very good in all sports) are: James Blair Reiley, born June 2, 1965; Lenny Scott Reiley, born May 13, 1969; and Darrick Allan Reiley, born October 23, 1970.

Lenore Reiley is retired from General Electric and lives in Prophetstown, Illinois.

by Lorraine Weick

LANDWEHR, AVIS

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Avis Jean (Landwehr) Cantrell Horton

Avis, of Horace, of Mary Anna (Countryman), of Abram, of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Esther Hilder Hanson and Horace Clayton Landwehr became the parents of their fifth child, Avis Jean, on 12 December 1930, in Yorktown Township, Henry County, Illinois. The family were farmers.

Avis Jean married John Kenneth Cantrell June 19, 1949. John's birthday was September 6, 1928. John and Avis divorced May 29, 1969. Four children were born to them.

(1) John Kenneth Cantrell III, born June 16, 1952, married Nancy Peterson on June 14, 1975. Nancy's birthday is August 13, 1954. Their children are: Joshua Kenneth, born January 23, 1978; Eric Stephen, born March 23, 1979; Emily Mary, born December 2, 1981; John Samuel, born April 4, 1983 (deceased); Mathew Gabriel, born August 14, 1984 (deceased); and Benjamin Daniel, born August 25, 1985 (deceased). They live in Altomonte Springs, Florida.

(2) Sandra Kay Cantrell, born March 22, 1957, married Jeffrey Maurer on November 12, 1974. Their children are: Jeffrey Alan, born August 12, 1975; Nathaniel Bruce, born August 12, 1978; Stephanie Jean, born February 3, 1981; and Hannah Marie, born February 12, 1983. They live at Plano, Illinois.

(3) Clayton Douglas Cantrell, born November 17, 1960, is single. He is going to aeronautical school and lives in Daytona Beach, Florida.

(4) Rodney Lee Cantrell, born October 13, 1962, is single. A broker for Edward D. Jones, he lives in Washington, North Carolina.

Avis lived in Aurora for ten years, then moved to Sandwich and the Plano, Illinois, area for six more years. She married Curtis W. Horton Febrary 14, 1972. Curtis's birthday is September 29, 1929. Avis retired after working as a bearing assembler for 16 years at Sealmaster Bearing, Aurora, Illinois. Her husband, Curt, is also retired after working 30 years at Sealmaster Bearing. He worked as acting foreman and set-up man. They have lived in Florida since 1985.

by Lorraine Weick

LANDWEHR, HORACE & ESTHER (HANSON)

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Horace, of Mary Anna (Countryman), of Abram, of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

The second son born to William Landwehr and Mary Anna Countryman was Horace Clayton on 15 July 1896. He was born on the family farm in Yorktown Township, Henry County, Illinois, ten weeks after his 11-year-old brother Edward Alvin's death.

A year later the family moved into town where his father opened an implement store, also selling wagons, buggies, and general hardware. As a young boy Horace had a pony named Ted.

On 2 May 1918 in Hooppole, Horace was married to Esther Hilder Hanson. Esther was born to Nels and Hannah (Larson) Hanson in Bemet, Piatt County, Illinois, on 22 October 1893. Esther's parents were both born in Sweden and came to this country in

A photo postcard, around 1910. On the back is handwritten: "Mr. Landwehr and his son Horse on his pony." William Landwehr, husband of Mary Anna (Countryman), owned this Hooppole, Illinois, business from 1896 until his retirement in 1919. Horace named his pont "Ted." (The young friend is unidentified.)

1893. After living in Bement for many years the family moved to a farm near Hooppole. Her brothers and sisters were Ellen Greenwood, Gene Matsons, Oscar Hanson, Lyle Hanson, Bertha Johnson, and Selma Hatch.

Horace and Esther lived in the town of Hoppole for a while before moving to the family farm, west of town, which Horace had inherited from his father. Horace had also inherited the implement business after his father retired in 1919. It was on this farm that their six children were born and raised: Lenore (1920), Verda (1922), Lavone (1924), Irvin (1927), Avis (1930), and Orville (1933). Hard times befell the family when fire destroyed the business in town and the Great Depression of the early 1930s hit. Interestingly, a fire station now stands on the land where the store once stood.

Daughter Avis recalls: "My folks were very strong people. My folks went through the big depression and they lost everything they had when we were all small, but we were taught to work hard and fight back and always go forward, never to look back and think of the bad things in life. We were always taught to work hard for everything we have and always look after one another and to take time to thank God for everything we have. Grandma Landwehr lived with us when I was a little girl and she was a very lovely lady. I think of her often. . . . My parents were very happy together and we had a very happy home life. I miss them both so much."

From daughter Lavone: "My folks . . . lived about four miles west of Hooppole, Illinois, on a farm. We lived in a 13-room house. There were three different upstairs in this house. We kids had three miles to go to school.

"My mom worked very hard. It wasn't easy for my folks to raise six children in the hard times we had, but we were a happy family and were always clean and dressed nice with hand-me-down clothes. . . . Uncle George [Countryman] and Aunt Carrie used to come [from Boise, Idaho] and see us every summer. We always looked forward to their visit."

Esther died at 71 years of age on 3 May 1965 at the Public Hospital in Kewanee, Henry County. She was buried in the Hooppole Cemetery. The funeral director was E.L. Schueneman of Kewanee. After her death their youngest son, Orville, took care of his father.

Horace was living with Orville in rural Neponset Township, Bureau County, Illinois, at the time of his death, also at the Kewanee Public Hospital, on 11 August 1973. He was 77 years of age. Services were held at the Creamer Funeral Home in Kewanee with the Rev. Armin J. Maronn officiating. Horace was buried beside his wife.

The Landwehr family had been members of the Calvary Evangelical Congregational Church (formerly Calvary United Evangelical Church) in Hooppole.

Note: The information contained in the sketches of the six children of Horace and Esther was compiled from records sent to us by Lenore (Landwehr) Reiley (1978), Lavone (Landwehr) Cederberg (1986), Avis (Landwehr) Cantrell Horton (1980, 1986), and Alice (Larson) Countryman (1986).

by Lorraine Weick

LANDWEHR, IRVIN & MARY LOU (KERNER)

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Irvin, of Horace, of Mary Anna (Countryman), of Abram, of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

On 13 July 1927 Irvin Leon was born to Horace Clayton Landwehr and his wife Esther Hilder Hanson. He was the fourth of six children to be born in this family who resided on a farm in Yorktown Township, Henry County, Illinois.

Irvin married Mary Lou Kerner in Kewanee, Henry County, Illinois, on January 20, 1951. Mary Lou's birthday was April 9, 1931. To this marriage four sons and one daughter were born.

(1) Merlin Leon was born November 27, 1951. Merlin attended Morrison Institute of Technology, Drafting and Surveying, and later attended an electrical school. Merlin married Theresa Doye December 31, 1974. Theresa's birthday is March 22, 1955. They have one daughter, Shannon Christy, born September 9, 1978. They now live in Wyoming, Illinois.

(2) Ivin Lynn was born March 24, 1955, and married Laura Lee Morris on July 16, 1977. She had a little girl, Crystal Lynn Morris, born May 27, 1976. They were divorced January 17, 1979. Ivin then married Barbara J. Derick, and divorced. To this union one son was born, Dustin Ivin, December 15, 1981. Ivin works for Sheffield Order Buyers and resides at Kewanee, Illinois.

(3) Mervin Horace was born July 1, 1957 and married Julie Berlinski September 12, 1979. To this union two sons were born, Justin Mathew on November 29, 1981, and Joseph Robert on March 23, 1984. They are farmers and reside near Annawan, Illinois.

(4) Robin Louise was born January 4, 1969. She is a junior at Annawan High School (1985–86), interested in business and computers. She will be an AFS student this summer (1986).

(5) Alvin Leon was born July 23, 1971. A freshman at Annawan High (1985–86), he is interested in farming.

Irvin served in the U.S. Army from 1946–1948 in Korea and Japan. He attended auctioneer school after returning from the service and called many sales. He is interested in surreys and owns five of them, one for each child. He has enjoyed helping out at weddings by taking the bridal couple from the church where they were married to their reception hall in a surrey with the fringe on top.

Mary Lou and Irvin farm, and live near Sheffield, Illinois. The Landwehrs were featured in an article with pictures which appeared in the *Sunday Dispatch* , Moline, Illinois, July 25, 1982. Excerpts of the article follow.

Family Collects Old Surreys

. . . "I bought the first one 15 years ago at a farm sale and hung it in the machine shed. Then my little girl wanted to ride in it." One of [his] sons said he wanted a surrey, too, and Landwehr found one for sale in Iowa. He restored it . . . "We took it all apart to get it in the basement, and then we put it back together again," . . . Mary Lou said. Youngest son Alvin enjoyed playing in it when he was smaller. . . .

Several years ago the Landwehrs entered their first parade. "A friend talked me into it and I said to my wife, 'Let's go just once.'" As more and more people learned about the surreys, the Landwehrs were asked to make other appearances. . . . Since that time, the farm couple has taken their surrey with the fringe on top to several weddings. They usually give the bride and bridegroom a short ride around town and then take them to the reception. The surrey is pulled by Daisy, a black horse, and Maude, a white horse. Landwehr trained them to pull the surrey several years ago. . . . Only the seats and top of the surrey are not original equipment. . . .

[They] say that providing horse-drawn transportation . . . involves more work than most people realize. Several days in advance,

Landwehr obtains permission to load and unload the surrey and horses at a parking lot in town, usually where the reception will be held. On the day of the wedding, catch their horses, clean them, and load them into a trailer. Then they tie the surrey onto their pickup truck, which they use to pull the horse trailer. When they reach town, they unload, hitch up the horses, give them their final grooming, and spray them with fly spray. They try to find a shady spot near the church where the horses can stand until the wedding is over. "It's hard to keep the horses calm with so much waiting," said Mrs. Landwehr. "We curry them, but they sweat, and then they sometimes don't look so good." . . .

It's always a happy moment when the bride and bridegroom run to the surrey for their ride around town. "I don't know why girls want to get up here with their nice, pretty wedding gowns, but they make it," Mrs. Landwehr says, laughing. . . .

Besides the surreys and team of horses, the Landwehrs have other horses and horse-drawn equipment. [He] is breaking a gray horse, but doesn't trust her to make public appearances yet. The children have ponies, too. [He] often uses his horses when he sows oats, and in the winter, he sometimes hitches up a bobsled, and the family takes a ride. He has an old delivery wagon, which he plans to restore. At the moment it has rubber wheels which he will replace with wooden ones. He also uses a horse-drawn cultivator in his garden and has a pony buggy. With this antique equipment, plus his mechanized farming equipment . . . "We stack, push, and squeeze in the machine shed."

[They] are glad that their old-time transportation gives pleasure to others. "We've had a lot of fun and met a lot of nice people." One mother of the bride told them, "You've made two kids very happy." And that makes the Landwehrs happy.

[On 6 May 1986 Irvin passed away at home from cancer after a long illness. He had attended schools in Hooppole and Kewanee, Henry County; farmed in Annawan Township, Henry County; was a member of the Church of Peace in Kewanee, the Kewanee Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Hitch and Drive Club. Burial was at the Hooppole Cemetery.]

by Lorraine Weick

LANDWEHR, ORVILLE
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Orville, of Horace, of Mary Anna (Countryman), of Abram, of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Orville Wayne Landwehr was born and raised on a farm in Yorktown Township, Henry County, Illinois. His parents were Esther Hilder Hanson and Horace Clayton Landwehr.

Orville was born April 28, 1933. He married Susan AnneLouise DeDecher on November 15, 1953. They were divorced May 28, 1955. Susie's birthday was February 11, 1934.

Orville married Jacqueline Jean Morashie. They divorced October 17, 1965. To this marriage Steven Wayne was born on February 9, 1964, at Kewanee, Illinois. Steven lives in Des Moines, Iowa; he is single. Jacqueline remarried to Edward Chester Gruszeczka on November 18, 1966.

Orville married Loretta Eileen Lewis Huber on August 11, 1968. Loretta's birthday is February 26, 1934. Loretta has three children: (1) Steven Dale Lewis, born March 14, 1953; (2) Lyn Marie Huber, born July 20, 1955, married Richard Godhey July 9, 1983, living in Grand Junction, Colorado; (3) Sheri Denise Huber, born May 14, 1963, living in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Orville and Loretta are farmers and live at Bloomfield, Iowa.

After his mother's death May 3, 1965, Orville took care of his father, Horace, until Horace's death August 11, 1973. Orville was residing on a farm in Neponset Township, Bureau County, at that time. He is the youngest of the six children.

by Lorraine Weick

LANDWEHR, WILLIAM & MARY ANNA (COUNTRYMAN)
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Mary Anna, of Abram, of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Mary Anna was born 9 July 1858 in Wheeling Township, Cook County, Illinois, to Abram and Magdalena (Muller) Countryman and was their first child. Here in the DesPlaines River Valley her father was a master builder and constructed many buildings in the north Chicagoland and Lake County areas. In 1860 we find that Mary Anna's family also included grandparents Henry and Catharina Countryman and uncles Conrad and Henry II. Grandpa was a shoemaker and the uncles were "laborers." They probably all shared the farming responsibilities. In 1865 father Abram returned to farming full time.

Mary Anna (Countryman) and William Landwehr with son Edward Alvin (1885–1896). Photo taken at Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois. The parents of Mary Anna were Abram and Magdalena (Miller) Countryman.

In 1867 the family, which now included Franklin Wesley, age three, moved to Yorktown Township, Henry County, to a farm in Sections 19 and 20 north of Hooppole Grove. Anna had a half-mile walk to school, the Holzinger District School #8. The family's earliest home was a chilly, rough-board cabin. Here they lived until a year before Anna's marriage to William Landwehr on 7 December 1879. In 1878 her father had completed a warm, modern, two-story house for the family.

William Landwehr was born 23 January 1854, also in Wheeling Township, Cook County, to Dietrich and Louisa (Nelker) Landwehr, both born in Germany. The family relocated to a farm in Yorktown Township in 1861. Both the Landwehr and Countryman families had been members of the Aux Plaine (North Northfield) Evangelical Association church, and became members of the Hooppole Evangelical Church in Yorktown. Dietrich had a successful farming operation in Sections 32 and 33 of Yorktown, and in Sections 2 and 4 of Alba Township. William helped his father with his agricultural pursuits on the 333½-acre farm. They were extensive breeders of cattle and hogs. William brought his bride to this farm where they continued to live for many years. When his father died in January of 1886, William took charge of the homestead farm, continuing with the livestock operation which usually included over 100 head of cattle.

On 15 February 1885 the first son was born to Anna and William. They named him Edward Alvin. Sadness befell the family, however, on 2 May 1896 when pneumonia took his life at the age of 11 years 2 months 17 days. The Reverend J.W. Fager of the Hooppole Evangelical Church submitted his obituary to *The Evangelical* , dated 20 May 1896. "Edward A. Landwehr . . . died . . . at his home near Hooppole, Illinois. Eddie did not possess good health since three years of age which deprived him of much of life's happiness, yet he was not without his blessings. He had a devoted father and mother as well as many friends. Above all, he was conscious of the smile of the boy's friend Jesus. In the last week of his life, when in the midst of the greatest suffering he would sing 'Jesus lover of my soul,' and then pray until the disease had claimed its victim." On the stone marking his grave at the Hooppole Cemetery is engraved the following: "We miss thy kind and willing hand, Thy fond and earnest care. Our home is dark without thee. We miss thee everywhere."

Ten weeks later another son was born to this couple, which helped to fill the void. Horace Clayton was born 15 July 1896. The following year the family moved into the town of Hooppole. While continuing to manage the farm, William became a successful merchant of wagons, buggies, farm implements, and general hardware. The sign on his building, beckoning customers, stated "I handle all kinds of paints, oils, varnishes, brushes, also cigars & tobaccos." He was the local agent for the Deering Harvester and the Moline Plow companies. Their new house in town had been built by Anna's brother Edwin

Countryman, and at the time was the second house west of Calvary Evangelical Church where the family were members. William owned several lots in town.

William was active in local politics as a Republican and was known to give freely to charitable causes. Generally he was interested in the welfare of the community. Three years after his retirement he passed away at his home in Hooppole on 8 September 1922 at the age of 68 years 7 months and 16 days. His obituary was published in the 26 September 1922 issue of *The Evangelical* . ". . . .

In the year 1878 our brother was brought to a saving knowledge of Full Salvation under the ministry of the Sainted Rev. Peter Himmel. His life was one that spoke for itself. He filled the following offices in the church, class leader, trustee, steward and Sunday school teacher. He was a man that knew God and talked with him. . . . For 11 years our brother suffered with neuritis. On Friday evening he pillowed his head for a night's rest, when the Master of men called him to enter into that Rest prepared for all them that love him." The funeral was conducted by Rev. J.M. Huff, assisted by F.A. Reider and O.W. Waltz.

Anna then went to live with son Horace and family. Here she helped care for the six children who were to be born into this home. In 1941 Anna was residing with and taking care of her brother Franklin Countryman at his home in Paton, Green County, Iowa. He was suffering from a weakened heart condition and died in June of 1945. She died 3 July 1947 at the East Moline State Hospital, Rock Island County, Illinois, at the age of 88 years 11 months 24 days and is buried beside her husband at the Hooppole Cemetery.

by Lorraine Weick

LAZIER - ALGOZIN

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Charlotte, of Harold, of Alice Maude (Countryman), of John Irvin.

Charlotte Ann Lazier, daughter of Harold Elmer Lazier and Vera (Talbot) Lazier, was born April 7, 1931, in Lynnville Township, Illinois. She graduated from Rochelle Towbship High School in 1948 and from Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1952. She taught elementary school in Marion, Iowa, from 1952–55; Cedar Rapids, Iowa, from 1955–56; and for the Air Force Overseas Dependent Schools at Ramey Air Force Base in Puerto Rico from 1956–58 and at Toul-Rosieres Air Force Base in France from 1958–59.

She married Kenneth Alan Algozin, son of Louis Algozin and Lillian (Boy) Algozin, on April 14, 1959, in Rosieresen-Haye, France. Kenneth was born on September 25, 1931, in Chicago, Illinois. He graduated from Von Steuben High School in Chicago in 1948 and from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, in 1955. He served as a lieutenant in the Air Force at Toul-Rosieres Air Force Base, France, from 1956–59, and at Dover Air Force Base, Dover, Delaware, from 1959–60. He has been employed as an accountant by Wilson, McIlvaine Attorneys in Chicago, Illinois, since 1961. Charlotte and Kenneth have three children:

Kenneth Alan Algozin, Jr., was born February 22, 1960, in Dover, Delaware. He graduated from Elk Grove High School, Elk Grove Village, Illinois, in 1978 and from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, in 1982. He is currently finishing his master's studies at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

Kimberly Ann Algozin was born November 30, 1962, at Arlington Heights, Illinois. She graduated from Elk Grove High School in Elk Grove Village, Illinois, in 1980 and from Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Illinois in 1984. She is currently teaching elementary school in Red Oak, Texas.

Douglas Franklin Algozin was born on November 26, 1969, in Arlington Heights, Illinois. He attends Elk Grove High School in Elk Grove Village, Illinois.

by Charlotte A. Algozin

LAZIER - ERBES

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Luella, of Harold, of Alice Maude (Countryman), of John Irvin.

Luella Mae (Lazier) Erbes, daughter of Harold E. and Vera Lazier, was born May 1, 1934, in Rockford, Illinois. She attended Fletcher country grade school; Rochelle Township High School, class of 1951; received a B.S. in education at Northern Illinois State Teachers' College, DeKalb, Illinois, in 1955 and a M.A. in education in 1979 at Michigan State University at East Lansing, Michigan. Luella has taught elementary music at Sycamore Schools, Sycamore, Illinois, 1955–57; library clerk, Central Elementary, 1972–77, Okemos, Michigan; librarian, Bingham School, 1977–present time, in Lansing, Michigan.

Luella married Robert Leonard Erbes on December 19, 1954, in Lindenwood, Illinois. Robert was born January 19, 1935, in Rochelle, Illinois. He attended Rochelle Township High School, class of 1952; received a B.S. in education at Northern Illinois State University of DeKalb, Illinois, class of 1956; a master's in music, 1963, at Northern Illinois University; Ed.D., 1972, University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois. Bob was a band director, Sycamore Schools, Illinois, 1956–57; joined the armed forces as a bandsman in Arkansas, Georgia, and Germany, 1957–1959; band director, Rochelle High School, Rochelle, Illinois, 1959–1969; teaching and administration, professor of music at Michigan State University, 1971–present at East Lansing, Michigan. Luella and Bob have two children:

Lu Ann Erbes, born December 28, 1958, in Wurzburg, Germany, graduated from Okemos High School, Michigan, class of 1977; B.A. in music, Albion College, Albion, Michigan, 1981; M.A. in music education, University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois, 1985. Lu Ann taught elementary music, Harbor Springs Schools, Michigan, 1981–1984; elementary schools music, Elgin, Illinois, 1985–present.

Mark Robert Erbes, born February 23, 1961, in Rochelle, Illinois, graduated from Okemos High School, Michigan, class of 1979; B-Music, 1983, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan; M-Music, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1985. Mark taught as a band director, Toteno Grace High School, 1985–present, at Fridley, Minnesota. He married on August 7, 1982, Annette Jean Taylor, born July 5, 1961, in Jackson, Michigan. Annette graduated from Okemos High School, Okemos, Michigan, class of 1979; B.S. in education, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, 1983. She is religious education director, Hamline Methodist Church, 1984–present, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Scott Steven Erbes was born August 8, 1966, in Rochelle, Illinois. He graduated from Okemos High School, Okemos, Michigan, class of 1984. Presently he is a sophomore at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan.

by Luella M. Erbes

LAZIER, WILBUR & ESTHER (LEMING)

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Wilbur, of Alice (Countryman), of John Irvin.

Wilbur Arthur Lazier, grandson of John Irvin Countryman, was born March 28, 1900, on the home farm in Lynville Township, Ogle County, Illinois. He died May 14, 1976, in Alhambra, California, and is buried in Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills, California, Court of Liberty, where his wife, Esther, is also buried. His mother is Alice (Countryman) Lazier and his father is George Arthur Lazier.

Wilbur received his early education in the Fletcher one-room rural school. Attending Rockford High School 20 miles away meant boarding with relatives by the week and traveling back and forth by train. In the advantage of this well-equipped school, he became very interested in chemistry and other sciences. Continuing in this field, Wilbur graduated from the University of Illinois and was serving during World War I in the SATC program.

Soon after graduating he married Esther Hazel Leming, born October 20, 1902, in Urbana, Illinois. The marriage took place in Urbana on September 2, 1922. They made their first home in Madison, Wisconsin, where they both worked at the University of Wisconsin. Three years later Wilbur received his doctor's degree in organic chemistry. They moved to Wilmington, Delaware, where he was employed by E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company in their experimental station. Here he was honored for having a part in the discovery of the first detergent, "Dreft," and the first nylon fiber. While living in Wilmington, two daughters, Barbara and Carolyn, were born.

After leaving Dupont, Wilbur became the first director of the Southern Research Institute which he helped to create in Birmingham, Alabama. He was awarded the Modern Pioneer Award by the National Association of Manufacturers in 1940, the Hertz Medal in 1946 in recognition of his organization of the Southern Research Institute, and in 1947 the War and Navy Department Certificate of Appreciation for Scientific Services during World War II. He also held more than 100 U.S. patents. Before retiring in California where his wife, Esther, died April 18, 1975, Wilbur served as director of research of the Charles Pfizer Company in

New York City and later became vice-president of the engineering and research department of Sprague Electric Company at Williamstown, Massachusetts.

Daughter Barbara Jean Lazier was born July 23, 1928, in Wilmington, Delaware. She attended Randolph-Macon College for two years and Catherine Gibbs School for Secretaries. Barbara married Orville Alfred Reed, Jr., born November 14, 1928. The marriage took place in New York City on June 17, 1950. Orville, "Ted," made the Air Corps a career and piloted bombers over Korea during that conflict. He later became a lieutenant colonel. One son, Richard Allen, born August 27, 1952, also made a career of the navy. He graduated from the University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho, and later received a master's degree while in the service. Richard (rank LCDR) is assigned to the Pacific fleet and now lives in Chula Vista, California, near San Diego. He married Deborah Elaine Walker on September 6, 1975, in Arlington, Virginia. They have three girls: Jessica, born September 26, 1977; Julie, born March 30, 1981; and Jennie, born July 11, 1984. Richard's mother, Barbara, is now married to Dr. Irwin Frankel and is living in Annandale, Virginia.

Daughter Carolyn Lois Lazier was born March 4, 1934, in Wilmington, Delaware. She graduated from Ohio Wesleyan College. Here she met and later married Douglas Burch Layman on June 30, 1956, in Williamstown, Massachusetts. He also graduated from Ohio Wesleyan. They presently own two computer stores in Rochester, New York, where they reside. The Laymans have three children: Sharon Marie, born April 25, 1958; Charles Allen, born August 28, 1960, who was married to Colleen Mary Heagerty on June 1, 1985; and Laurie Carole, born September 5, 1962. Sharon is now working on a master's degree at the University of Davis, California, near Sacramento. Charles is working for a Ph.D. in glacier geology at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Laurie has a B.A. in business and is working in food distribution at Rochester, New York.

by Alice R. Willetts

MACK, RUBY (COUNTRYMAN)

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Ruby, of Lawrence, of Dennis, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Ruby Marie Countryman was born at Frederick, South Dakota, March 24, 1909, the daughter of Lawrence O. and Pearl Countryman. She was a twin, her sister living for only a few hours. Ruby spent her youth in Kerman, California, for one and a half years; Webster, South Dakota, for eight years; and Ipswich, South Dakota, where she graduated from high school in 1927.

She taught in country school for several years around Ipswich, having had normal training and additional schooling at Northern Normal at Aberdeen, South Dakota. She moved to Yakima, Washington, in 1936 to join her parents.

On June 22, 1938, she was united in marriage with George Mack and lived in Yakima and Spokane, Washington, for 17 years before moving to Boise, Idaho, in 1959. To this union were born three children: Georgiann, June 16, 1939; Patty Lee, April 16, 1942; and Wayne Oliver, January 26, 1946.

As a hobby, she did oil painting and belonged to the Boise Art Guild. After a short illness, she passed away at her home September 14, 1968, burial being in Boise, Idaho.

by Dennis E. Countryman

MATHIS, EDISON & ANITA (COUNTRYMAN)

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Anita, of William, of Abraham.

William Countryman, son of Abraham and Madeline Countryman, married Sylvia Etta Goembel, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Zinser) Goembel. William and Sylvia were the parents of Anita Sylvia Countryman.

I was born May 21, 1916, at Hooppole, Illinois, in Henry County. I married Edison Howard Mathis on February 28, 1938, at Clinton, Iowa. He was the son of Howard Edison Mathis (son of Augustus and Susan Scback Mathis) and Grace Maude Brants (daughter of Cornelius and Tillie Luther Brants) and was born August 30, 1917. We have two children: Sylvia Louise, born March 27, 1944, in Sterling, Illinois, Whiteside County; and Howard Edison, born March 21, 1949, at Geneseo, Illinois, Henry County.

After our marriage we lived on and farmed his father's 80-acre farm four miles east of Hooppole until the spring of 1959 when we moved to Wisconsin. Edison always wanted to live here, and because land was so high in Illinois, we bought a farm four miles south of Neilsville, Wisconsin, Clark County.

The farm had changed hands quite a few times after being sold by the family who had owned it for 50 or more years. The last owners let the buildings, especially the house, and the land deteriorate. It was, at times, quite discouraging with so much to be done and so little to do with, but with lots of hard work, much sacrifice by all four of us, and encouragement from relatives and friends in Illinois and new friends here — we made it.

Sylvia graduated from Neilsville High School in 1962. She worked and took some extra courses and married Dennis Ryan of Tomah, Wisconsin, at Rockford, Illinois, in the summer of 1970. They were divorced in the fall of 1977. On July 4, 1980, she married John Acker at Coleman, Michigan, where they reside. She is a Mary Kay consultant and is also employed as a helper at a landscaping business that includes perennial flower gardening. She has no children.

Howard graduated from Neilsville High School in 1967 and enlisted in the army in November of that year. In June of 1968 he volunteered for Vietnam and served there two years, receiving his discharge in June 1970. On his return he again worked part time on our farm and full time at the H.H. VanGordon feed mill in Neilsville. He quit the mill to work full time on the farm in 1977. On August 11, 1979, he and Kathleen Ann Pflieger, daughter of Lawrence and Marian Pflieger of Hatley, Wisconsin, were married at Neilsville, Wisconsin. She had been teaching in Neilsville and neighboring towns for a few years after receiving her M.S. in childhood–handicapped children training.

They took over the farm in late fall of 1979, so we are semi-retired and live in a trailer next to their home. This way we can help some and enjoy the grandchildren. They have three: Samuel Countryman Mathis, born February 7, 1980; Elizabeth Huntington Mathis, born April 16, 1981; and Benjamin Durand Mathis, born April 28, 1983.

by Anita Mathis

MAXEY, CARRIE (PRESGROVE)

F400

The Wyoming Countrymans — Carrie, of Lillian (Phillips), of Ethel Mae (Countryman), of Charles Raynor.

I, Carrie Mae Maxey, am the granddaughter of Ethel Mae Countryman and Lawrence A. Phillips. My parents, Lillian Elizabeth Phillips and Donald Huhgo Presgrove, were married June 15, 1928. Other family members are my sister, Lillian Lenore, born November 14, 1928; and brothers, Donald Lawrence, born October 23, 1932, and Norman Lee, born May 3, 1938.

I was born at the Hidden Valley Ranch, approximately nine miles southwest of the Burris post office and store. My father was a rancher and outfitter. After the separation of my parents, my mother, sister, and I moved to Lander, Wyoming. I completed my education in Lander, graduating from Fremont County Vocational High School in 1953.

I married Joseph A. Maxey on May 13, 1961, at Jackson, Wyoming. Born to this marriage is my daughter, Marvee Mae, born February 18, 1962. Marvee married Michael A. Meeker June 16, 1984.

by Carrie Maxey

Joe, Carrie, and Marvee Maxey, taken in 1980.

MAYER, ANNA ABALONA

F401

I am submitting a copy of the will of Anna Abalona Mayer which I believe sheds some light on an early Countryman connection. Anna Abalona Mayer (maiden name unknown) I believe was born about 1705 and probably married to a Bellinger about 1725. I believe she had the following children by him: Catherine, born 22 May 1726, died 21 January 1812, married Marcus Countryman; Anna Eva, married George Snell; Adam; Anna Maria, married Peter Kiltz; and Anna Elizabeth, married Adam Snell. About 1750 Anna Abalona married Felix Mayer (Moyer, Meyer, etc.) who was a widower with several children.

I believe the wife of Marcus Countryman (of Conrad 1st) mentiond on page 84 of the *Countryman Genealogy* (1925) is Catharine Bellinger, daughter of –?– and Anna Abalona Bellinger. The will of Anna Abalona also seems to indicate that Frederick Countryman (of Conrad 1st) had a daughter, Abalona, as well as the two sons mentioned on page 85 of the *Countryman Genealogy* ; and Marcus and Catharine (Bellinger) Countryman apparently had a daughter by the name of Abalona as well as the sons mentioned on page 84.

The Will of Anna Abalona Mayer

In the Name of God, Amen, I Anna Abalina [*sic*] Mayer Widow & Relict of Felix Mayer deceased being old, but of sound mind & memory, calling to mind the Mortality of my Body, do make this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following.

Imprimis, I commit my Soul to God hoping thro' the merits of our blessed savior Jesus Christ, to obtain Salvation, and my Body I desire my [*sic*] buried in a decent Christian-like manner at the discretion of my Executors herein after mentioned.

Item. It is my Will that all my Just Debts be paid by my said Executors

Item, I give devise & bequeath unto Catharine Countryman the Wife of Marcus Countryman & Anna Eva Snell the Wife of George Snell each the Sum of fifteen Pounds of Lawful Money of this State, and in case of their or either of their Deaths to their respective Heirs or assigns-

Item, I give devise & bequeath unto the said Catharine & Anna respectively the further Sum of ten pounds of like lawful Money as aforesaid, and unto the Heirs of Abalona Kiltz the Daughter of Peter Kiltz deceased, and unto Abalona Countryman Daughter of Markus Countryman, Abalona Snell Daughter of George Snell, Abalona Countryman Daughter of Frederic Countryman, & Abalona Snell Daughter of Adam Snell each the Sum of five pounds of like Money as aforesaid; and unto my Son Adam Bellinger & unto Anna Elizabeth Snell the wife of Adam Snell each the Sum of twenty five pounds of like Money as aforesaid; and unto the Heirs of Anna Mria [*sic*] Kiltz late the Wife of Peter Kiltz deceased the sum of ten Pounds of like Money as aforesaid, and in case of their or either of their deaths to their several & respective Heirs & assigns. [*At this point there is an "X" and the notation* "here insert the clas--- the ----- sick"]

Lastly, I hereby nominate, constitute & appoint my good Friends Jacob Eaker Esquire & George Eaker Jun. my Executors; & I hereby revoke, disannul & make void all other Wills & Testaments by me heretofore in any wise made. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal this fourteenth Day of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven Hundred & Eighty four.

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the Testatrix above mentioned as & for her last Will & Testament in presence of —

Seferinus Dygert
George (his mark G E) Eker
Catharine (her mark) Eker
Abalona (her mark) Mayer

submitted by Marjorie Moyer Strum

McCOY - BENJAMIN

F402

Jo, of Elma (Gore), of Marcella (Countryman), of Isiah, of George.

Jo Ann (McCoy) Benjamin, known as Jo usually, was born in Galveston, Indiana, county of Cass, township of Jackson. Her father and mother are Ivan R. and Elma B. (Gore) McCoy. Ivan is from Galveston and his parents were George W. and Laura B. (Harness) McCoy. Both George McCoy and Everett Gore were from Shelby County, Indiana. Laura was such a precious lady. Jo's grandparents on her mother's side were Everett R. and Marcella J. (Countryman) Gore; her great-grandparents were Isiah and Sarah (Crull) Countryman, and her great-great-grandparents were George and Mariah (Gall) Countryman. The area from which Mariah comes from is unknown; however, it is probably Virginia, and the name Gall is Scotch. Sarah (Crull) Countryman's father was John Crull and her grandfather was Thomas J. Crull. Her national origin is Scotch, German, American Indian, and possibly English.

Jo attended school in Lincoln, graduated from Galveston High School, and moved on to Minneapolis, Minnesota, for further education. Jo and her brother had much in common, for each worked with their hands and they enjoyed the out-of-doors and nature. Being a girl, Jo enjoyed flowers and spent much time wandering through the woodlands and knew the names of the wild flowers of that area and their habitat, thus returning each spring to enjoy their beauty. She enjoyed other things of God's creation, such as butterflies and the large winged moths such as Cecropea, Imperial, or Polythemus. These moths flew only at night and their wing span was four to six inches in width.

Jo A. (McCoy) and Samuel R. Benjamin with their two sons, Steven (left) and David (right).

She learned to enjoy needlework early in life, this being a characteristic of both grandparents and great-grandparents. She had two major sources of encouragement; one was her brother's wife, Mary, who persuaded her to join 4-H, and a most beloved school teacher, Mrs. Pullen. This activity in 4-H would have been her greatest achievement in her younger life.

Jo worked hard at obtaining her education in Minneapolis and finally worked for a missionary society of Baptist backing in Chicago. She enjoyed the contact that she had with the missionaries, and during this time she married Samuel R. Benjamin, the date being June 18, 1955. From this union came two blessings, David Lyn Benjamin, born April 3, 1956, and Steven Roger Benjamin, born August 20, 1959.

One of the most rewarding accomplishments of her life to this day has been her research in genealogy. This had given her such pride in her roots, and it has been at this point that her life has been turned around and her interests are richer and more meaningful for the history behind the blood, sweat and tears shed by our forefathers in seeking a better way of life for themselves. Just as we feel concerned for our children and grandchildren, they gave much thought to their children's future. We as Americans truly have been given such a precious heritage. Our forefathers deserve our recognition for this magnificent work, and this is twofold. It is fair and beautiful to explain some of the horrendous events that brought them to America.

The first and most important is their persecution over religious convictions; they were of the "Hell Fire Damnation Faith" and this, translated into today's more common terms, are Born Again Salvation. John 3:16-18. They departed from the conventional methods of worship and became Presbyterian, Puritan, and several other faiths, and were labeled heretic, and to this day they are heavily frowned upon in the old world. Their churches' windows and doors would be boarded up and they were forbidden to gather in homes or any other gathering place. They were taxed so very heavily that they were very impoverished, forcing them to survive by cleverness beyond our imagination. The persecutors would destroy entire families sometimes, and force all members to watch this inhumane scene.

The second of the twofold hardship was that in a monarchy the king dealt as he wished, and this was a second persecution and far removed from our freedom and fairness of today in America.

I, the author of this entry, personally feel so strongly that we do not grasp as we should the in-depth vision of our forefathers and therefore wish to challenge those who read these pages to appreciate our freedom of worship as well as to vote in a democracy. Grasp in an in-depth manner how difficult life could be like were we persecuted as they were. Do we vote? Do we worship? Do we

value God's blessings? I truly hope that these words will challenge the readers of these pages to grasp an in-depth handle upon our own lives, and realize the beauty of the work of those of our forefathers.

by Jo Benjamin

McCOY - TROYER
F403

Janet, of Robert, of Elma (Gore), of Jennie (Countryman), of Isiah, of George.

The third child of Robert E. and Mary

Janet Elaine (McCoy) Troyer with her daughters, Jennie (left) and Jill.

(Shuck) Mccoy , Janet Elaine is the granddaughter of Ivan R. and Elma B. (Gore) McCoy of Galveston, Indiana, and is the great-granddaughter of Marcella J. "Jennie" (Countryman) Gore. Janet's great-great-grandparents are Sarah and Isiah Countryman.

Janet enjoys music and has much talent in this area. She graduated from Markle High School and married John Troyer. John is an educated, talented person with strong religious convictions.

Unto this union have been born two daughters. Jennie, the elder, is a very talented person, even at her age of eight. The second blessing to this home is Jill, and she, although quite young, shows interesting traits.

by Jo Benjamin

McCOY, DONALD LEE
F404

Donald, of Robert, of Elma (Gore), of Jennie (Countryman), of Isiah, of George.

Donald Lee McCoy, first son of Robert E. and Mary (Shuck) McCoy, is the grandson of Ivan R. and Elma B. (Gore) McCoy and great-grandson of Jennie (Countryman) Gore, all of Galveston, Indiana, Cass County, Jackson Township.

Don was born on October 2, 1939, at the home of his grandmother, Gladys Shuck. Don was educated and specialized in drafting. He has worked at Delco in Kokomo for many years and is a very successful person.

He married Bunny Boles and fathered two children, Bryan Lee McCoy, born April 19, 1960, and Carri Ann McCoy, born March 5, 1963. Don later remarried Judi Henderson.

by Jo Benjamin

McCOY, MAX E.
F405

Max, of Robert, of Elma (Gore), of Jennie (Countryman), of Isiah, of George.

Sonja (Smith) and Max E. McCoy.

Max Eugene McCoy, the second son of Robert E. and Mary (Shuck) McCoy, is the grandson of Ivan R. and Elma B. (Gore) McCoy and great-grandson of Everett and Jennie (Countryman) Gore, all of Cass County, Indiana.

Max attended school in Kokomo and then later in Markle, Indiana. Max married Sonja Sue Smith of Markle. He worked for many years with his father in the hot mix plant and then moved to Colorado. They now live in Texas.

Unto Max and Sonja were born two children, Danny McCoy, born November 17, 1963, and Darrell Eugene, born April 11, 1967.

by Jo Benjamin

McCOY, ROBERT E. & MARY (SHUCK)
F406

Robert, of Elma (Gore), of Jennie (Countryman), of Isiah, of George.

Robert Eugene McCoy, usually called Bob, was born October 22, 1921, in the town of Galveston, Indiana, county of Cass, township of Jackson. His parents were Ivan R. and

Robert E. and Mary M. (Shuck) McCoy.

Elma B. (Gore) McCoy. Ivan was from Galveston, Indiana, and Elma was from Lincoln. Bob's grandparents were Everett R. and Marcella (Countryman) Gore. Bob's great-grandparents were Isiah and Sarah (Crull) Countryman. The names of McCoy, Harness, and Gore are Scotch, and both Gore and McCoy are from Shelby County, Indiana, and this says that the country of origin is Scotch, German, American Indian, and probably English.

Bob was educated in the public schools and was most interested in his manual training class as well as athletics. His achievements were several; he was a sports activist as well as being mechanically inclined. He served in World War II and during this time learned more about machinery. However, his greatest achievement professionally is that he learned to handle earth moving machinery, and his greatest success came when he was entrusted with the responsibility of a hot mix plant, and it was at this point in his life that he retired.

While Bob was in high school he fell in love with Mary Shuck, a daughter of Fred and Gladys Shuck of Galveston. Mary was the oldest and only daughter of this family. She had brothers Bob, George, Gene, Richard, and a half brother named Larry Henry. Mary had the misfortune of losing her father to a then common and less controlled health problem of pneumonia, when she was quite young.

Mary and Bob have had many years together and are happy. Unto this home came their first child, Donald Lee McCoy, born in Galveston and Max Eugene McCoy, and Janet Elaine McCoy, born in Kokomo, Indiana. They moved from Kokomo to Markle, Indiana, and later to Huntington, and at this date they reside on their daughter's property located on the rural route of Andrews, Indiana.

by Jo Benjamin

McELRATH, CRAIG & VICKI (COUNTRYMAN)

F407

Vicki, of Willard, of Jackson Delbert, of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Frederick.

Vicki Lynn, daughter of Willard and Lois J. (Bolles) Countryman, was born on September 28, 1951, at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa. My father was a farmer and I was brought home to the first of three farms I would live on in the Moville, Iowa area. I don't remember anything about the first farm, as we moved when I was still a baby.

I have many happy memories of our next home where we lived until I was 13. It was here that I became a big sister to Susanne, Tracy, and Amy. My mom worked hard to take care of us all and my dad spent many long hours doing the farm work. I remember spending much time with relatives, especially my Uncle Don, Aunt Winnie, and their four children. I attended the Moville school through the fifth grade. Moville then consolidated and became Woodbury Central. I attended Woodbury Central until I graduated in May of 1969.

When I was in the eighth grade, we moved to the Neubaum farm. We were all very excited about this move. The house was so big and I would have a room of my own. I enjoyed school and was a cheerleader, baton twirler, and member of the drill team. During the summers I enjoyed working at the local drive-in. This got me into town where I could see what was happening. While a junior in high school, I began dating Craig McElrath, who was later to become my husband. Immediately following graduation, I began working as a medical secretary at a urology clinic in Sioux City.

On October 4, 1969, I married Craig McElrath. He was born on July 15, 1950, in Kingsley, Iowa, to Lyle and Leone (Sparks) McElrath. He was the oldest child and was later joined by SueEllen, Lori, Steve, and Julie. Their family has lived in the Moville area except for a couple of years when they lived on a farm near Kingsley. Craig and I bought a trailer home and lived in the town of Moville following our marriage. In the spring of 1973, Craig quit his job and began to work for my dad on the farm.

McElrath family picture taken at the Methodist Church in Moville, Iowa, in August 1985. Front row left to right: Vicki, Luke, and Craig. Back row left to right: Adam and Ryan.

On May 22, 1973, our first son, Ryan Elliott, was born at St. Luke's Hospital in Sioux City. We brought him home to our trailer in Moville. At this time I quit my job and became a full-time mother and housewife. It was less than one month later, on June 17, 1973, that the tornado hit Moville. The trailer courts were the hardest hit and two people were killed. We were fortunate, however. It hit in the early morning hours so there was not any warning. My husband and I both recall sitting up in bed at the same time. We then ran down to Ryan's room. As we grabbed him from his crib and lay on the floor, our bedroom window crashed in on our bed. Trees fell down on both sides of our home but only minor damage was done to our trailer. It was an unforgettable experience.

We moved to my father's farm, the old Neubaum farm, in August of 1974 and are currenty living there. On January 21, 1976, our second son, Adam Craig, was born at St. Luke's Medical Center in Sioux City. Our third son, Luke Jackson, was born on October 15, 1979, at St. Luke's Medical Center in Sioux City.

At the present time we are farming with my dad and brother, Tracy. I am also working as a bookkeeper at Moville Lumber Company. Our three boys are all in school and we enjoy them a great deal. They all like school and are involved in many activities which keep us very busy. Having always lived in the Moville area, we are close to all our relatives. I feel fortunate that so many of our relatives have stayed here and given my children the chance to know their grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

This past year our oldest son, Ryan, wrote a story for school about the special relationship he has with his Grandpa Willard. His story tells how he feels good when people tell him he is just like his grandpa. He also tells how he admires his grandpa most for his ability to control his temper. This was a special story for me.

I will end my story by saying that there are times when I think about living elsewhere, but somehow I know my life will be lived right here in the Moville area.

by Vicki McElrath

McMATH - LAMBERT

F408

Ellen, of Iva Mae (Countryman), of John A., of Isiah.

My mother, Iva Mae Countryman, daughter of John A. and Nancy Ellen (Logan) Countryman, met my father, James Merritt McMath, at a young people's church ice cream social. The McMath farm was near Decon, Indiana. In 1904 Grandfather McMath and his family pioneered to Colfax County, New Mexico, for his health. They had a dairy ranch. After Grandfather's death in 1912, Grandmother McMath and family returned to their Indiana farm.

Our parents, James Merritt McMath and Iva Mae Countryman, were married in the Countryman home June 6, 1914. Daddy's friends surprised them with an old-fashioned belling — dynamite and all! Needless to say, Grandpa was irate, but the stately home still stands firmly on its foundation.

The John A. Countryman home, Cass County, Indiana. Built in the early 1880s, it is now owned by Ellen (McMath) Lambert. Standing left to right: James Hall, a cousin, and Iva Mae Countryman. Seated left to right: John A. Countryman, Wilodene Countryman, and Della Countryman.

The open spaces and lure of the West had captured Daddy's heart. We three McMath children (Ellen Iceiaphine, April 23, 1916; John Monroe, February 25, 1918; and James Boyd, April 12, 1922) were born in New Mexico. I was named after my grandmothers, John after Grandpa Countryman, and Jim after Grandfather McMath.

The McMath's dairy ranch became a trout ranch. Daddy was also writing for newspapers and was interested in politics. He later became the Republican Speaker of the House of Representatives in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

I was the only white English-speaking child starting school in Wagon Mound, New Mexico. It was decided we children should be educated in Indiana.

Grandmother McMath lived at Upland, Indiana, home of Taylor University. We had a home a block from her. It was a happy home with lots of singing and fun family games, and Mother reading to us as we did our house chores. We always woke up on Sunday morning hearing Mother playing hymns on the piano. I have treasured memories of Thanksgiving at Grandpa and Grandma Countryman's. Until I graduated from Upland High School and started working in the post office, I always spent my summers with Aunt Ida (Countryman) Shope.

In the fall of 1925 (nine years old) I went with Grandmother "Mac," who was helping care for a Mrs. Samuel Wilson. (The Wilson farm is now a part of Taylor University at Upland, Indiana). While there at the Wilsons', I met the grandson of the Wilsons, James Edward Lambert (born January 24, 1912) of Indianapolis, Indiana. He had won two beaded rings at a medicine show in Upland the previous evening. He gave me one of the rings — the broken one.

Years later, we met again in Upland and realized we still had our beaded rings. He also gave me a diamond ring. On January 8, 1938, we were married. We lived at Winona Lake, Indiana. On Sunday morning, August 4, 1940, our precious golden-haired little girl, Janice Ann, was born to us at Murphy Hospital, Warsaw, Indiana.

Now 48 years later, we still live in our home on Winona Lake, retired from the practice of

law. On January 8, 1986, I received my diamond reset in double wedding bands. (We still have our beaded rings.)

We enjoy and are very fortunate that our grandson, Michael Brett Mollenhour (born March 22, 1960) and his son (our great-grandson), Eric Lee, live in Warsaw.

Our darling identical twin granddaughters (born August 30, 1962), Judi and Juli Mollenhour (who resemble in looks and mannerisms their great-grandmother Iva Mae Countryman McMath) live near their mother in the beautiful Panther Valley area in New Jersey. We see each other as often as possible.

Janice Ann, our daughter, calls each week and most always something is said about the Countryman farm. This year we had plans for the big barn. Grandpa had built it so that we could modernize it for storing the large farm equipment with space to do repairs. Grandpa's blacksmith shop is still a valuable tool shed. I remember the big yard with its shade trees was a great place for Countryman gatherings. (Wish we could have another one.)

The name Countryman, to me, was especially right for Grandpa, as he lived only in the country, only on Countryman land, where he was born — and where he raised his family — just three miles up the road from where he was born a Countryman.

by Ellen (McMath) Lambert

McMATH, JAMES & IVA MAY (COUNTRYMAN)

F409

Iva May, of John.

Iva May, daughter of John A. and Nancy Ellen (Logan) Countryman, married James Merritt McMath at the Countryman farm home in Cass County, Indiana. Of that union there are three living children.

Iva May (Countryman) McMath (1894–1980).

Ellen I. McMath (born April 23, 1916, at Raton, New Mexico) married James Edward Lambert (born January 24, 1912 at Indianapolis, Indiana) on January 8, 1938, at Indianapolis. They live at Warsaw, Indiana, where Mr. Lambert is a retired attorney at law. Ellen (McMath) Lambert distinguished herself as a bookkeeper. They have a daughter, Janice Ann, born August 4, 1940. She is the mother of a son and twin daughters, Mike, Julie, and Judith Mollenhour. Janice Ann is now the wife of Edward Fox, M.D. Ellen (McMath) Lambert is the happy owner of most of the original John A. Countryman farm, with its unique home.

John Monroe McMath (born February 25, 1918, at Wagon Mound, New Mexico) married Mary V. Ladd (born September 7, 1915) of Swayzee, Indiana, on September 8, 1940, at Hartford City, Indiana. They attended Kendall College of Evanston, Illinois , together, as the first step of a family associated with a United Methodist parsonage. They served student churches while attending Adria College and Candler School of Theology. Most of their ministry was in northern California. They have five children: Ruth Ellen Guinane, born November 17, 1941, at Evanston, Illinois; Jo Anne Center, born September 4, 1944, at Atlanta, Georgia; John M. McMath, Jr., born February 20, 1948, at Ft. Wayne, Indiana; James Ladd McMath, born January 5, 1951, at Indianapolis, Indiana; and Mary Jane Chang, born July 5, 1953, at Sacramento, California. They also have nine grandchildren. Their retirement home is in the heart of the historic '49er gold rush country of El Dorado County, California. They spend their summers on their former Mabel and Zeke Scott farm in Cass County, Indiana.

Iva's youngest son, James Boyd McMath (born April 12, 1922, at Wagon Mound, New Mexico) married Marjory Rice of Canton, Ohio. They met at Washington, D.C., where Jim was serving in communications for the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He became a veteran's hospital administrator. They now live on the former Ida E. Shope farm, which includes some of the original John A. Countryman farm. Their daughter is Shirley (McMath) Miller, and their son is James Boyd McMath II. They have five grandchildren.

Iva May (Countryman) McMath is buried in her parents' lot at the Galveston, Indiana, cemetery.

by John M. McMath

MERRILL, EZRA & NETTIE (LUCKOW)

F410

Ezra, of Sophia (Schmidt), of Philinda (Countryman), of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Ezra F. was the first-born son of William P. Merrill and his wife Sophia Permelia Schmidt. Ezra was born 11 July 1888 in Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois. He attended the Belvidere schools and became self-employed as an American Railway Express agent.

On 30 July 1910 he was married to Nettie B. Luckow, who was born in Belvidere on 20 August 1894 to John and Hannah Luckow. Nettie was educated in the Belvidere schools and was a member of St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Holly camp of the Royal Neighbors of America.

Ezra joined the local police department 27 April 1932 as a patrolman. In January of 1941 he was appointed assistant chief of police, serving in that capacity until 1 August 1949 when the mayor appointed him acting chief of police until October 18, when the appointment could have become official. However, the *Belvidere Daily Reublican* reported that another man had been voted into the office "in a surprise move" by the three-member Fire and Police Commission on September 13. Interestingly, two of these three members then resigned from the commission, one of them immediately after the naming.

On Saturday 10 September 1949 Ezra and Nettie had left for a two-week vacation at Rice Lake, Barron County, Wisconsin. The vacation was shortened, however, when Nettie died on Friday September 16 from heart complications at the age of 55 years 27 days. She had been ill for about four years. Funeral services were held at the Atkins-Johnson Funeral Home in Belvidere the following Tuesday. The Reverend Martin Torbitzky, their pastor, officiated.

The *Republican* reported much tensness in the city council over the police chief situation. Ezra, apparently despondent over the death of his wife, officially ended his tenure on 18 October 1949 by resigning from the department. In 1954 he was stricken with a heart ailment from which he suffered until his death at 71 years 11 months 13 days on 24 June 1960 at Highland Hospital in Belvidere. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Dr. Ray Turner of the First Presbyterian Church, in the Atkins-Johnson Funeral Home. He was a member of the Masons and Modern Woodmen of America.

This couple are buried in the Belvidere Cemetery north of town in the 5th Addition, Block 19, Lot 152. There were no children.

by Lorraine Weick

MERRILL, KENNETH & VERNA (ATKINS)

F411

Kenneth, of Sophia (Schmidt), of Philinda (Countryman), of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Kenneth Otto, son of William P. Merrill and Sophia Permelia Schmidt, was born 29 May 1893 in the city of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois. He attended the Belvidere schools, graduating with the class of 1913 at Belvidere High School. He was employed for many years as a depot agent for the American Railway Express Company before becoming a painter and decorator. Prior to his marriage he served his country as a United States Army corporal in World War I.

A romance had budded and blossomed between two schoolmates, and on 14 June 1919 Verna D. Atkins became the bride of Kenneth at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage with the Reverend H.F. Lawler officiating. The attendants were Kenneth's uncle

and aunt, Ezra Ronald and Nettie (Murch) Merrill. "The bride and groom departed soon after the ceremony on a wedding trip by automobile over the week-end to points in Wisconsin and have on their return gone to housekeeping at 1212 Pearl street."

William W. and Myrtle (Anderson) Atkins were the parents of Verna, born 29 August 1894 in Belvidere; Mabel (Halberg) of Rockford; Ray Atkins of Belvidere; and Arthur Atkins. Verna taught for 15 years at the Witbeck and Lawrenceville elementary schools, and then for ten years clerked at Sullivan's and J.C. Penney's department stores in Belvidere. Verna and Kenneth were members of the First United Presbyterian Church. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church Guild and Eastern Star.

Kenneth was employed as a decorating and painting contractor with the William Atkins firm for 30 years until it dissolved. He was alderman in the First Ward for two years, a charter member of Boone Post #77 American Legion, and a Mason. In 1960 they resided at 1221 Garfield Avenue.

Kenneth died suddenly on 18 August 1964 at his home on Pearl Street at the age of 71 years 2 months 20 days. Funeral services were held at the Buck-Wheeler Funeral Home with their minister, Dr. Ray Turner, officiating.

Verna's last address was 1617 Glen Elms Drive. She died on 2 June 1982 at the Highland Hospital, Belvidere, after a short illness. She was 87 years 9 months 4 days of age. The funeral was conducted from the Buck-Wheeler-Hyland Funeral Home by the Rev. Richard W. Anderson. Both she and her husband are buried on the Schmidt-Merrill lot, southeast of the cannon in the Belvidere Cemetery north of town. There were no children.

by Lorraine Weick

MERRILL, WILLIAM E.

F412

William, of Sophia (Schmidt), of Philinda (Countryman), of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

William E. Merrill was the third son of William P. Merrill and his wife Sophia Permelia Schmidt. William E. was born 9 June 1904 in Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois. He attended the Belvidere schools, graduating from Belvidere High School with the class of 1924. From 1931 he was employed as a stock clerk at the Illinois Northern Utilities company. He was affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was a member of the Masons and the Elks.

William, who never married, continued to live in the family home at 507 Warren Avenue after the death of his parents, his mother in 1925 and his father in 1933. A tragedy occurred in the home on 20 April 1937. William had left work at noon that day, complaining of a severe cold. After voting in the municipal election — his brother Kenneth was running for his third aldermanic term but was defeated by 36 votes — William went home. Apparently feeling very ill and cold, and in an attempt to warm up the kitchen, he turned on the gas stove and sat in front of it in a rocking chair with his overcoat and hat on. The autopsy showed that he died shortly thereafter of "a heart attack due to an enlargement and fatty condition and valvular condition of the heart." His body was found about 24 hours later after the accumulation of gas caused an explosion which set fire to the house. Witnesses at the inquest said he had not been despondent and had in fact been planning a fishing trip to Wisconsin the last of May.

Four days later funeral services were held at the Byram & Atkins Chapel with the Reverend William H. Evans officiating. "The rites were largely attended and there were many beautiful floral tributes for the well-known young man who had lived here all his life." He was buried beside his parents at the Belvidere Cemetery at the age of 32 years 10 months 11 days.

by Lorraine Weick

MILLER - HAUPT

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Hazel, of William, of Mary Catherine (Countryman), of Jacob, of John Adam.

Hazel Yvonne (Miller) Ballou Haupt is a descendant of John Frederick Countryman, who was believed to have come to the United States from Enzberg, Germany, about 1710 on the ship *Midfort* and lived in the Mohawk Valley, New York. There is no information on his marriage, but listed are three sons born in Germany: Conradt I, born in 1698; Andreas (Andrew) Frantz, born in 1701; and Henry, born in 1704. Apparently a fourth son, Fred, was born in the States, but there seems to be no other information.

Hazel was born March 21, 1905, in Clarion, Iowa, the daughter of William Edward and Lida May (Foster) Miller. She graduated from the local high school and married Kenneth Edwin Ballou on June 7, 1924; they divorced April 30, 1930. Kenneth was born July 22, 1900, in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Edwin and Helen Ballou. Hazel and Kenneth were the parents of two boys, Philip Edwin and Stuart Lynn, whose stories are given separately.

Hazel was a legal secretary for 30 years; she served the years 1943–46 in the Women's Army Corps and was discharged honorably as a sergeant. She had basic training at Fort Des Moines, administration schooling at Sol Ross College, Alpine, Texas. She was assigned to the Air Force and stationed at Hunter Field, Georgia, and Lake Santani Field, Hollandia, New Guinea, in the legal field and then as administrative assistant in the field of maintenance. In Manila, Philippian Islands, she was with the Far East Air Service Command (FEASC) under General Clements in the administration field.

On May 1, 1955, Hazel married Irving Haupt in Clarion. Irving was the son of Charles and Mary (Pabbeldt) Haupt, born near Belmond, Iowa, June 2, 1904, and died in McAllen, Texas, April 2, 1962; buried at Klemme, Iowa.

by Hazel Haupt

MILLER, JOHN & MARY CATHERINE (COUNTRYMAN)

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Mary Catherine Countryman and her husband, Jonas (John) Miller. They lived in Clarion, Iowa, and are buried there.

Mary Catherine, of Jacob, of John Adam, of Conradt II, of Conradt I, of John Frederick.

Older sister to John Henry, Mary Catherine Countryman was born between Alexander and John Henry Countryman. She was a very likeable person and got along well with her brothers, and as she began to grow and become used to boys around to grow up with, her parents gave her three more brothers. Countryman families were mostly large families, as you can tell by the earlier stories.

Mary Catherine was born in 1830 in New York state, coming west with her family of five brothers and parents to settle in Monroe Township, Ogle County, Illinois, in 1842.

She was 12 years old and must have adjusted well in the new home. It has been said by my older family members that her mother, Elizabeth Catherine, was a High German and did not speak English at this time, and did not want to have anything to do with the people around her that spoke English. Jacob and others had little trouble with this change.

Mary Catherine wed Jonas (John) Miller on October 9, 1850, in Winnebago County, Illinois.

Records from Monroe Township, Ogle County, Illinois, show this Miller family as follows: Jonas Miller, born 1826 in Oneida County, New York. This county is next to Herkimer County, where John H. was born. His father and mother were John Miller and Mary Crill. They named their children George (1852), Erastus (1854), and Ida E. (1856), all born in Illinois.

The Millers came to settle in Clarion, Wright County, Iowa, and the information

that follows is from a worksheet given to me by the granddaughter of Mary Catherine (Countryman) Miller, Mrs. Hazel Yvonne (Miller) Haupt of Clarion, Iowa.

William Edward Miller, son of Jonas and Mary C., was born August 11, 1873, Clarion, Wright County, Iowa. He married Lida May Foster December 23, 1903. He died June 14, 1966, at Garner, Iowa, and was buried June 16, 1966, in Evergreen Cemetery, Clarion, Iowa. Children of William E. Miller and Lida May Foster were Hazel and Frances.

Hazel Yvonne was born March 21, 1905, at Clarion, Iowa. She served in World War II (WAC) FEASC, overseas. Her first husband was Kenneth E. Ballou, and her second husband was Irving Haupt.

Hazel's only sister was Frances Eileen, born August 17, 1928. She died in December 1928 and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Clarion, Iowa.

by Donald P. Countryman

MILLER, JONAS & MARY CATHERINE (COUNTRYMAN)

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Mary Catherine (Countryman) and Jonas Miller.

Mary Catherine, of Jacob, of John Adam.

Jonas Miller, son of John and Mary (Crill) Miller, was born in New York state March 26, 1826, and died February 29, 1896, buried in Evergreen Cemetery in the family plot. A Masonic service was given; he was an officer of Cyrene Masonic Lodge in Clarion, Iowa. Jonas married Mary Catherine Countryman October 9, 1851, in Illinois (it may have been Ogle County). She was the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Betsy) Countryman. Mary Catherine (by newspaper reports) was the mother of ten children; she was born in New York state June 23, 1830.

Sometime before 1876 and after 1856, Jonas and Mary (Countryman) Miller moved to Wright County, Iowa, onto a farm near Clarion. About 1878 they purchased the east half of block 9 in Clarion and moved a small house onto lot 2 of said block, and then added six rooms; this became the family home. When William and Lida May Foster were married, Mary (Countryman) Miller moved to live with a daughter, and the newlyweds moved into the family home. In 1915 Mary sold the home to an outsider and William and family had to move. In 1933 the family home was purchased and became the permanent residence of the William Miller family until it was sold about 1972. Mary died May 12, 1920, and was buried in the family plot in Evergreen Cemetery.

Jacob Countryman, a son of John Adam Countryman (wife unknown), was born in 1800 in Herkimer County, New York. He married his cousin, Elizabeth (Betsy) Countryman, who was a daughter of Conradt III and Catherine (Miller) Countryman, and who was born in 1805 in New York state. David A. Countryman, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Betsy), was born in November 1834 or 1835 in Herkimer County, New York, and married Sophia Eychaner on November 9, 1858, in Winnebago County, Illinois. Both are buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Clarion, Iowa. David died March 3, 1895.

Conradt III was a son of Conradt II and Elizabeth Maria Countryman, and was married February 9, 1790, to Catharine (Catherine) Miller.

Conradt II, son of Conradt I Countryman (wife not named) was married in Montgomery County, New York, to Elizabeth Maria.

Conradt I, son of John Frederick Countryman, born in 1698 in Lower Palatinate, Germany, was buried prior to May 6, 1777, in Stone Arabia/Sand Hill Cemetery, near Fort Plain, New York.

by Hazel Haupt

MILLER, WILLIAM & LIDA (FOSTER)

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William, of Mary Catherine (Countryman), of Jacob, of John Adam.

William Edward Miller, son of Jonas and Mary Catherine (Countryman) Miller, was born November 8, 1873, near Clarion, Iowa, the last of seven known children. (Three children are believed to have died in infancy.) He married Lida May Foster on December 23, 1903, in Clarion. She was the daughter of John and Catherine (Westfall) Foster, born near Otterbein, Indiana, March 27, 1874. William and Lida were the parents of Hazel Haupt, whose story is given separately, and Frances Eileen, who was born July 17, 1928, and died in December 1928.

William worked on the B.C.R.&N. Railroad when the tracks were being laid into Clarion in the late 1800s. He was the first city policeman, walking his beat nightly with a shot-filled night stick in his hand and his dog at his side. He was section foreman with the Chicago Great Western Railroad, retiring in 1940; then worked first as night watchman at the airport from 1941–46, then as daily helper for another two years.

William suffered a stroke January 1, 1966, and passed away June 14, 1966, in the Concord Nursing Home, Garner, Iowa; he was buried June 17, 1966, in Evergreen Cemetery in Clarion. His wife, Lida, passed away May 5, 1968, and was buried beside her husband of 61 years.

by Hazel Haupt

MISNER - SPRAGUE

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Etta, of Cornelia (Countryman), of Matthew, of Levi, of Matthew, of Frederick, of Andreas Frantz, of Johann Frederick.

Etta Mae Misner was born on the Misner homestead at Neversink, New York, on February 1, 1895, and died on July 5, 1978, at Damascus, Pennsylvania. She married at White Lake, New York, on December 25, 1916, Charles Henry Sprague. He was born August 7, 1895, at Lake Huntington, New York, and died there on December 25, 1977. He worked for Schaffer's Brewery. Their children were all born at Lake Huntington, New York:

(1) William Levi Sprague, born October 26, 1917, is living at Binghamton, New York. He married on September 7, 1946, Eva Elimeda Morris.

(2)Gertrude Mae Sprague, born August 20, 1919, is living at Damascus, Pennsylvania. She married John Eldred.

(3)Chauncey "Buck" Sprague, born January 24, 1921, is living at Seelyville, Pennsylvania. He married Lila Highhouse on March 30, 1946.

(4) Clara Leota "Peggy" (Sprague) Shook Lagonigro, which see.

by Lauraine Horbak

MISNER, CORNELIA ANN (COUNTRYMAN)

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Cornelia, of Matthew, of Levi, of Matthew, of Frederick, of Andreas Frantz, of Johann Frederick.

Cornelia Ann Countryman was born April 12, 1862, at Neversink, New York, and died at Parksville, New York, on November 17, 1926. She was married on January 1, 1878, at Woodbourne, New York, to Benjamin Misner. He was born February 22, 1855, at Neversink, New York, and died there in October of 1925. Ben worked at the Willowemoc Acid Factory and ran the family farm. Their children were:

(1) Emma J. Misner, born at Neversink, New York, on October 13, 1878, died there on October 30, 1962. She married on December 4, 1895, her cousin, George Dean Countryman. He was born at Neversink, New York, on November 30, 1862, the son of Peter and Jane (Tompkins) Countryman. George Dean died October 27, 1953, on the farm where he was born.

(2) Nellie LeRoy Misner was born April 12, 1879, at Neversink, New York, and died at Liberty, New York, on November 22, 1961. She married on August 2, 1899, Joseph "Legrand" Sturdevant. He was born in Forestburgh, New York, on March 7, 1877, and died at Parksville, New York, in 1939.

(3) Emmerson Misner was born December 10, 1882 (twin) at Neversink, New York, and died at White Lake, New York, on February 27, 1945. He never married.

(4) Elmer Misner was born December 10, 1882 (twin) at Neversink, New York, and died at Liberty, New York, on May 15, 1961. He never married.

(5) Mammie Misner was born January 3, 1886, at Neversink, New York, and died at Medina, New York, on August 13, 1951. She married David Irwin, who was born January 22, 1885, at Yeagerville, New York, and died at Medina in 1956.

(6) Chauncey Misner was born at Neversink, New York, on September 20, 1892, and died at Monticello, New York, on February 4, 1966. He married on June 28, 1916, Elizabeth Millen, who was born October 8, 1889, and died November 6, 1973.

(7) Etta Mae (Misner) Sprague, which see.

(8) Charles Misner was born at Neversink, New York, on June 12, 1897. He drowned in White Lake while cutting ice in 1928. He married Althea Fulton.

(9) Neal Misner was born February 14, 1901, at Neversink, New York. He drowned in White Lake while cutting ice on February 4, 1929. He married Myrtle Swartout, who died of childbirth in October 1927.

(10) George Monroe "Jimmy" Misner was born on July 17, 1902, at Neversink, and is living at Bethel, New York. He married Dorothy MacAroy.

(11) Leota Misner was born July 13, 1906, at Neversink, New York, and is living in Manor, New York. She married Alfred Gorr.

by Lauraine Horbak

MOCK - McWILLIAMS

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Stan and Phyllis McWilliams with their daughters, Lorena, Sharon Ming, and Debra, and son-in-law David Ming in San Diego, California.

Living the California Dream

Phyllis, of Ruth (Countryman), of Edwin, of Abraham, of Henry, of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Frederick.

There are seven generations before Phyllis Marie Mock (born 9/27/1931), fourth daughter of Bryon Fay (born 4/3/1899 in Oil City, Pennsylvania) and Ruth Viola (Countryman) Mock (born 11/27/1898 in Hooppole, Illinois, married 6/16/1922 in Marshall, Minnesota), was born in Santa Ana, California. After living in San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, then back to Santa Ana, where I attended kindergarten, the family moved to Hemet, California

It was here that my father's avocation, the Taquitz Kennels, started, raising English springer spaniels for show and hunting. I later became the most responsible, trading off other chores with my sisters to feed, clean the runs, and exercise the dogs. We lived in three different houses, although in Hemet this did not matter as the school and friends remained the same, but after arriving in San Diego there was not a school attended more than a year and a half until the last years of high school. We had left Hemet when I was nine years old and lived throughout San Diego, then La Mesa, before setling in Spring Valley in 1946. The Depression passed unnoticed. World War II, blackouts, barrage balloons, camouflaged factories, warships, scrap drives, ration stamps, were an adventure, a bit of a bother.

My father's health was not good although he worked longer hours because of the lack of doctors. Mother worked several years making airplanes, but with three older sisters, supervision did not lessen and both events, with friends sharing the same problems and no close friends or relatives in the war, affected me not too deeply, too young to really know. My father, a physician-surgeon, died January 3, 1947. My mother had quit teaching to raise the family. She returned to work after my father's death to work for the San Diego County Welfare Department before retiring in 1966.

The mountains when it snowed, the beach from spring vacation on, the school sports, getting chores done, riding the bus to school, homework survived, I graduated from Hoover High School in the city of San Diego, California, and on July 15, 1949, I married Stanley Curtis McWilliams. He was born 8/27/1925 in Grove City, Pennsylvania, one of three sons and a daughter born to Homer Campbell (born 7/9/1893, died 9/27/1971) and Maria Lydia (Pearson) McWilliams (born 2/23/1897, died 1/14/1984, married 7/31/1913). His family moved to the San Diego area in 1936. Both parents were descendants of early settlers in the Grove City, Pennsylvania, area. My family and Stan's family had both moved to California to improve the health of a member of the family.

After working for a burglar alarm company, Stanely worked in the civil service at the naval air station — North Island — from 5/49 to 8/80, retiring as an aircraft electrician. He served aboard the USS *Chester* , a heavy cruiser, in the Pacific during World War II, after his graduation from Hoover High School in 1943. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

Stan and I moved to our present home in San Diego in 1952 where we raised three daughters, Debra Joy (born 1/29/52), Sharon Carol (born 10/20/54), and Lorena Lee (born 8/7/57), all graduates of Hoover High. Debra is an artist. Sharon, a graduate of Mesa College, is a legal secretary and is married to David Lou Ming (born 8/25/47 in San Diego), son of Roselyn Kuey Ming Jung and Lou Ming. David is a graduate of Crawford High School and San Diego State University. Now a supervising environmental health sanitarian in the health department, both he and Sharon work for the County of San Diego, where they own their own home. The third daughter, Lorena Lee, since graduating from the University of Southern California, is the personnel officer for One Central Bank in Glendale, California, where she owns her home.

Debra shares her birthday with my sister Ellen's two daughters, Sylvia, born several hours later, and Patty, born one year later. Lorena was born on her great-grandfather Charles Adolphus Mock's 84th birthday. I was baptised by him on the day that my maternal great-grandparents, Samuel and Rebecca (Zinser) Goembel, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

A Girl Scout leader for ten years, singing with a P.T.A. choral group for 12 years, I returned to school and after receiving my A.A. degree at San Diego City College became a library employee for the city of San Diego. A life member of the Sierra Club and of the San Diego Genealogy Society, I am also a member of the San Diego Historical Society. My husband and I are members of the San Diego Zoological Society.

The Korean War took several of our friends and did not let them return. The harried time of the Cold War. Vietnam took more friends. The girls have left the nest. We work, garden, travel, Stan and I, only to be convinced that California remains the dream place to be.

by Phyllis M. McWilliams

MOCK, BRYON FAY & RUTH (COUNTRYMAN)

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Ruth, of Edwin, of Abraham, of Henry, of Conrad 3rd, of Conrad 2nd, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Frederick.

I, Ruth (Countryman) Mock, consider myself fortunate to have been mentioned in the 1925 *Countryman Genealogy* , in which is a picture and a biographical sketch of my father, Edwin (page 256).

I was born November 27, 1889, in Hooppole, Illinois, in a house built by my carpenter father where he had taken his bride, Lottie Viola Goembel (daughter of Samuel and Rebecca Zinser Goembel) after their marriage December 15, 1897. Edwin, with three brothers and two sisters, and Lottie, one of four sisters and four brothers, were both born and reared on farms near the village which originally had been called Hoop Pole Grove, from a large stand of willows which grew tall, slender, strong but pliable, and provided excellent withes to circle the oak staves of barrels made in Rock Island, 40 miles west on the banks of the Mississippi River.

According to my mother I arrived at nine o'clock on a Sunday morning, just as the church bells were pealing to announce that services would begin in another hour. When I visited the village a few years ago, the church was still there, the home had been well-kept, and the white-barked weeping birch in the front yard had grown almost as

The family of Bryon Fay Mock, M.D., and Ruth (Countryman) Mock, taken in Hemet, California, about 1939. Left group of three: Ellen, Fay, and Phyllis. Right group of three: Kathryn (standing), Marilyn, and Ruth.

tall as the two-story high-gabled house. I have one very clear memory of the kitchen with the wood cookstove, the lighted kerosene lamp in a bracket at the pantry door as Mom was preparing supper. My father was due from the shop, and then there he was at the door, letting in a blast of cold, late fall air, the chill forgotten when I saw on his shoulder a shiny, gleaming doll bureau which he had made. It was my fourth birthday! Father was a good and careful workman and the bureau is now in possession of my youngest daughter, still used, but not for doll clothes.

Another recollection, but very indistinct, is that of an old lady in a small rocker, although I cannot remember the facial features. She was my great-grandmother, widow of Henry Countryman. Mother said she always wanted to hold me, but it was not often allowed lest she set me afire — she smoked a pipe! My parents did not take care of her (Catherine Dockstader Countryman) very long as Mom was expecting another child and the physical burden was too much for her.

The new arrival was my brother Lowell, born October 29, 1902. In 1903 my father, responding to what he felt to be a call to the ministry, sold the house to defray expenses of schooling, and moved to Le Mars, Iowa, to attend Western Union College (now Westmar College) where he could get the courses leading to ordination as a minister. I started to school in Le Mars, and it was there that my sister Grace was born April 26, 1906. Six weeks later we moved to father's first pastorate in Loraine Township at the United Evangelical Church, ten miles from Hooppole.

The parsonage was built at one corner of a country road with a one-room school next door, and across the road on another corner was the church, each plot given by owners who donated the respective pieces of their property for the benefit of the community. The land was flat prairie, extending as far as one could see. Nights were beautiful, stars twinkling almost within reach.

One dark evening in 1910, Father beckoned me outside; there, just above the horizon was a bright, rectangular object, one end rounded, the other as if chopped off about four moon diameters from the head. It was Halley's comet. On March 21, 1986, I saw the comet again about four in the morning, in California, in the foothills 40 miles from the glare of San Diego's lights. This time, because it is much farther away from the earth, it looked like a soft, fuzzy silhouette of an elongated ice cream cone, almost lost in the dense, blurred mass of distant stars.

In 1912, then living in Cedarville, Illinois, the old home of Jane Addams of Hull House, Chicago, my brother Paul was born December 7. As Cedarville had only a two-year high school, I had to complete the last two years in nearby Freeport, boarding with friends in my junior year, the last year driving a horse and buggy in most weather, a sleigh when snow was on the ground. I received my diploma there in June 1916.

That fall I returned to W.U.C. in Le Mars, Iowa, where I earned a B.A. degree in June 1921. I had stayed out of college in what would have been my senior year to teach in a one-room country school near Hampshire, Illinois, where my father was then assigned. Also graduated in the same class, with a B.S. degree, was my fiance, Bryon Fay Mock, whom I had met in my first year in college. Fay's father was president of the college. After graduation I taught one year in the high school at Lawton, Iowa, near Le Mars, while Fay was enrolled in the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

On June 16, 1922, after he returned to Le Mars for summer vacation, and wishing to avoid any fanfare, we drove to Marshall, Minnesota, and were quietly married. The next year I taught at La Porte City, Iowa, and then two years in Hammonton, New Jersey, 25 miles from Philadelphia, while Fay completed his studies to become a doctor of medicine in June 1925. He then was accepted for internship at the University of Pittsburgh Medical School, where our first child, Ellen Ruth, was born December 1, 1925. It was the first time in the history of the hospital that an intern had become a father while assigned to that specialty. (He was given the day off.)

Fay was in the practice of medicine at Rockford, Illinois, when Kathryn Jeanne was born January 4, 1928. On February 25, 1929, another daugher, Marilyn Faye, arrived. She was barely a year old when her father was struck by a particularly vicious streptoccic sinus infection which affected a heart damaged by influenza in the epidemic of 1918. He was in the University of Iowa Student Army Training Corps in which all premedical students had been requested to enlist instead of the regular army, and which is known to have been very hard hit by that epidemic. He learned, after recovery, that a "box" had been waiting outside the ward just for him. Meanwhile, convinced that he was getting neither adequate schooling nor military training the S.A.T.C. was supposed to provide, he had signed the necessary papers to be transferred to the naval air training station at Chicago. He was expecting orders around November 12, 1918, but the signing of the armistice on the eleventh, ending World War I, changed all plans.

Medical associates in Rockford, strongly advising against exposure to another winter there, influenced the decision to move to California. He left in July 1930, the family joining him in September in Redlands, where he was for the time assisting his uncle, Dr. D.C. Mock. Other temporary positions followed throughout the Depression. We were in Santa Ana when Phyllis Marie was born on September 27, 1931.

In 1937 Fay opened his own office in Hemet. There the two older girls and I enjoyed being a part of the ranch people in the summer production of the outdoor play *Ramona* , based on the Helen Hunt Jackson novel. But better opportunities opened in San Diego, California, where we moved in December 1940. Ellen was graduated from San Diego High School in 1943.

Kathryn was married March 25, then was graduated from Hoover High School in June 1945. Her husband, Philip Mitchell, was honorably discharged after completing his enlistment in the navy after World War II, and their son, James Philip, was born August 26, 1946. A few patients of Fay's whom I knew amusedly told me that he could talk of nothing but his marvelous grandson! But his pleasure was short-lived as he passed away suddenly, late on the night of January 3, 1947. James was joined by a brother, Timothy Jon, on October 30, 1948. Their parents later were divorced and Kathryn was married January 13, 1973, to Fredrick Brown, whose father was born in Denmark and who had been sent to sea as a cabin boy at age 13, jumping ship when he arrived in the United States.

Ellen married Harry McIntyre March 6, 1949. A chicken rancher, he is now part owner with his son, Michael, of a quarter million layers. Michael, born April 1, 1950, married Beth Wetter August 8, 1970. They have two daughters, Michelle (August 28, 1971) and Dawn (October 26, 1972). Ellen's second child, Sylvia, born January 29, 1952, is the wife of Arthur Maehler. They were married

September 4, 1980. Patricia, born January 29, 1953, is married to Dennis Papke, and they are the parents of Trisha, born January 27, 1985.

Marilyn was married to Herbert Glandon, a chief petty officer when he retired from the navy, October 6, 1950. They were later divorced. Both are deceased, Marilyn on October 2, 1968, and Herb on July 1, 1984. They had one daughter, Linda, born July 5, 1951. She was married to Dale Kottwitz in Missouri, her father's home state, on February 15, 1986, where she presently resides, the only one living outside of California.

Phyllis and Stanley McWilliams were married July 15, 1949. After serving in World War II, he worked for the navy civil service. They have three daughters. Debra was born January 29, 1952, just two hours before her cousin Sylvia, in the same hospital. Sharon is married to David Ming. She was born October 20, 1954, and married November 12, 1977. Lorena was born August 7, 1957, the same day as her great-grandfather, Charles A. Mock's 84th birthday.

Bryon Fay Mock was born April 3, 1899, in Oil City, Pennsylvania, where his father, Charles Adolphus Mock, was pastor of the United Evangelical Church. Charles A. grew up with four brothers and two sisters on a farm near the tiny mountain village of Alum Bank, also known as Pleasantville, Pennsylvania. There Sue Elizabeth Allison lived with two brothers and several sisters, their father the village blacksmith. "Dolph" and Sue were married December 15, 1897, the same day and year as my parents in Illinois, and the weather was the same in both places — cloudy, rainy, and muddy, real horse-and-buggy days.

Charles A. served various pastorates, was president of a small church college in Eugene, Oregon, when Charles Edgar was born on July 22, 1906. He later served a church near New Haven, Connecticut, while earning the degree of Doctor of Divinity at Yale University. On February 1, 1919, after having been appointed president of Western Union College several years before, a long-awaited daughter, Grace Lillian, was born. She married an army chaplain, J.W. Helt. They are the parents of two boys.

Charles E. married Rose Ritter on September 6, 1928. She was a farm girl who grew up near Le Mars, Iowa. He graduated from accounting in a school in the eastern part of the United States and after working in that field in Ohio, and the birth of a daughter, they also became residents of California, where another girl and two boys were added to the family. He died the 29th of November, 1973.

Charles A. retired at age 72, after 11 years as a professor in Albright College in Reading, Pennsylvania. Several years later the elder Mocks moved to Glendale, California, near their son Charles, where Sue E. died November 21, 1961. Charles A. died in a retirement home in nearby Burbank four days before his 93rd birthday, August 3, 1966.

Because, as of this writing, I am midway through 87 years of age, one could assume it might not be long until I join those who have gone on before me. However, my father's youngest brother lived to almost 99½, so there is a good chance that I can enjoy the great climate of San Diego County quite a few more years, "God willing," a frequent expression of my mother-in-law, dividing my time between my homes in Spring Valley and Ramona (mailing address Santa Ysabel, California).

by Ruth (Countryman) Mock

MONTGOMERY, LORNE & BLANCHE (COUNTRYMAN)

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1957 Christmas picture of the Montgomery family. Standing: Barbara and Robert. Sitting: Blanche and Lorne. Kneeling: Douglas and David.

The Canadian Countrymans — Blanche, of David, of William, of John, of John, of Jacob, of Conrad, of Johan Frederick.

Blanche Helen, daughter of David and Bertha (Hilliard) Countryman, was born November 18, 1915, at Gallingertown in Osnabruck Township, Stortmont County, Ontario. At one year of age, her family moved to Finch, Ontario, remaining until 1920 when they moved back to a small farm near Dixon Corners, Ontario. Blanche graduated from Iroquois High School in 1934. She worked for one year at MacDonald College in St. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec, and then worked four years as a clerk in a store at Brinston, Ontario, where she met her future husband, Lorne Rufus Montgomery (born October 17, 1920). They were married on April 25, 1940. Together they ran a 200-acre dairy farm on Lot 22, Concession 7, in Matilda Township, Dundas County, Ontario. The farm had belonged to his father, Turner Lloyd Montgomery. Lorne was an avid hunter and trained race horses as a hobby.

Each year, the river close by the Montgomery farm would flood the adjacent lands and roadway. One spring before Blanche and Lorne were married, Lorne had the misfortune of stalling the family car, a 1935 Durant, in the middle of the flooded area. He had to spend the night in the car. The next morning, Lorne's father, seeing his absence, guessed where to find him. He hitched up a team of horses and pulled Lorne out to help with the milking.

In 1957 Blanche started working as a cost clerk for Caldwell Linen Mill in Iroquois, Ontario. Due to back pain, Lorne was forced to leave farming in 1961. The family moved to Dixon Corner's, Ontario, and lived with Blanche's mother, Bertha Countryman. Lorne worked as a carpenter and at Caldwell Linen Mill. On March 20, 1968, Lorne died suddenly of a myocardial infarction. He is buried at Spruce Haven Cemetery, Brinston, Ontario. In 1972 Blanche and her mother moved to Iroquois, Ontario. Blanche retired from Caldwell Linen Mill at age 65 in 1980. In 23 years of work for Caldwell's, Blanche only missed two days due to sickness. In 1984 she moved to Brockville, Ontario, where she lives one block away from her daughter. Blanche continues to enjoy excellent health. Since retirement, she has travelled throughout North America and Europe. Like many Canadians who shun our harsh winters, Blanche travels south to Florida each year for three or four weeks of winter warmth.

Blanche and Lorne raised four children, all of whom were born on the family farm at Hulbert, Ontario. The family attended the United Church at Hulbert. The local one-room school housed 30 to 40 students from grades one to eight. The Montgomery children frequently rode their pony one mile to school and let the pony return home on its own.

The oldest child, Robert Leon, was born on November 25, 1940. He graduated from Iroquois High School in 1958. He is presently operating a plumbing business in Carp, Ontario. He married Margot Smith. They have two children, Robert Howard (born July 2, 1963) and Brenda Lynn (born October 15, 1965). Robert Howard earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Western Ontario in 1985, while Brenda received her Bachelor of Science degree from Brock University in 1986. Both graduates are continuing their academic studied.

Barbara Helen, the only daughter of Blanche and Lorne Montgomery, was born on June 1, 1943. She graduated from the Ottawa Civic School of Nursing in 1963. Barbara married Peter Reid. They live in Brockville, Ontario, where Peter is employed as a salesman for his uncle's wholesale grocery business. Their four children include Paul Anthony (born March 5, 1970), Jimmy Lorne (born November 4, 1971), Karen Lianne (born July 14, 1976), and David Richard (born February 2, 1979). Jimmy died accidentally on April 28, 1975.

The third child, Dr. David Lloyd Montgomery, was born on January 1, 1948. He graduated from the University of Guelph in 1970 where he played football for four years. He completed a M.Sc. in 1972 and a Ph.D. in 1975 at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana. At Purdue, he was the leading scorer on the ice hockey team for four successive years. David married Carol Ann English on August 28, 1971. They live in South Lancaster, Ontario. Carol is a broker for Rozon Insurance Brokers Ltd., while David is a professor of exercise physiology at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec. They do not have any children. In 1982, David completed the Hawaii Ironman Triathlon, which involved swimming 2.4 miles in the ocean, cycling 112 miles, and running 26.2 miles. As a hobby, David researches genealogy on the Countrymans and Montgomerys.

The fourth child, Douglas Lorne Montgomery, was born on August 6, 1949. He graduated with a recreation degree from Centennial College in Toronto, Ontario, in 1971. He was a good softball pitcher and ice

hockey player for various teams in eastern Ontario. Douglas married Gloria Jean Smith. They reside in Coburg, Ontario, where Douglas is coordinator of staff development at D'Arcy Place and coordinator of training for the Ministry of Community Social Services. Jean works in a physician's office. They have two children, Michael Todd (born April 30, 1967) and Julia Ruth Ann (born September 11, 1970). Michael started his career in the Canadian Marines in 1986.

by David L. Montgomery

MOORE, JAMES & CAROL (COUNTRYMAN)

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The Moore family, Christmas 1985. Left to right: Janet (Vernie) Moore and Douglas Moore; Carol (Countryman) Moore; Steve Liddicoat holding Jeffrey Liddicoat, Michael Liddicoat standing beside Leanne (Moore) Liddicoat; James L. Moore; Kevin Kutzera and Janice (Moore) Kutzera.

Carol, of Lawrence.

Carol Ann Countryman, daughter of Lawrence and Evelyn (Jackson) Countryman, was born July 19, 1938, in Yakima, Washington. Carol attended Central Washington University and has been secretary for the Yakima School District's early childhood programs for the past 15 years.

My husband, James L. Moore, and I met in December 1954 in Yakima. Jim was working his way through college as a clerk at our neighborhood grocery store. We were married by Dr. Orville Peterson on February 24, 1956, in the First Christian Church, Yakima.

Jim received a bachelor's and master's degree in education from Central Washington University, Ellensburg, Washington. He was a classroom teacher for ten years and for the past 18 years has worked as a school counselor. He is currently a counselor at Woodrow Wilson Junior High School in Yakima where we have lived all but a few years.

Our daughter Leanne Marie was born October 7, 1956, in Yakima. She graduated from Yakima Valley College in 1976 and from Washington State University, Pullman, Washington, in 1978 with a B.S. degree in business administration. She married Steven Wallace Liddicoat on August 27, 1977. Steve, born January 26, 1956, attended Yakima Valley College for two years and graduated from Spokane Community College in June 1978 with a degree in architectural drafting. Leanne was employed as an accountant with a construction company for seven years before "retiring" to raise her family. Steve is in management with REW Construction Company where he is in charge of the designing and planning of commercial and industrial buildings. They have two sons, Michael Steven, born July 31, 1982, and Jeffrey James, born July 26, 1985. They live in Yakima.

Our son, Douglas James, born March 16, 1958, graduated from the University of Washington in June 1980 with a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering. At Queen Anne Christian Church in Seattle, Washington, Doug met Janet Mary Vernie, who was also a student at the university. Janet was born September 30, 1958, in Ellensburg, Washington. After Doug and Janet were married August 28, 1982, Janet returned to the University of Washington where she received a master's degree in social work in June 1984. Doug and Janet live in Seattle where Doug is in management with an engineering firm and Janet is employed as a clinical social worker.

Our daughter Janice Carol, born October 9, 1963, in Yakima, graduated from the University of Washington in March 1986 with a B.A. degree in business administration. She married Kevin James Kutzera on June 29, 1985. Kevin graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in economics in June 1984. He did graduate work in China at the University of Peking. Janice and Kevin live in Seattle where Kevin is in management with Moore Business Systems. At the time of this writing, Janice has been a college graduate for 48 hours and is looking forward to a career in the business world.

Our family get-togethers often are centered around camping, fishing, and backpacking in the Cascade Mountains of Central Washington.

by Carol Moore

MORGAN - BROWN

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Sherry (Morgan) and Edward Brown, with their daughter Morgan and son Christian.

Sherry, of Jack, of Lillian (Countryman), of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st.

My father, Jack W. Morgan, married Julia Margaret Edmundson of Sebeka, Minnesota, on June 8, 1946. My brother, Rodney Jack Morgan, was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on March 18, 1949. In 1950 the family moved to Hutchinson, Minnesota, where I was born on August 22, 1950. Soon after, we moved back to the Minneapolis area and, in 1954, bought the house in Mounds View where I was raised.

I enjoyed school and found particular satisfaction in my music lessons, studying piano and flute. After graduating from Mounds View High School in 1968, I attended Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. I transferred to St. Cloud State College, St. Cloud, Minnesota, in my junior year and, that Christmas, met Edward James Brown of Litchfield, Minnesota.

Ed was attending graduate school at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisconsin. Later that year, I took a job in Madison and we were married on January 22, 1972. We honeymooned at Lutsen Ski Resort near Grand Marais, Minnesota. On the third day of our trip I broke my leg skiing and was in a cast for six months. It was an unforgettable honeymoon!

Ed earned his Ph.D. in microbiology from the University of Wisconsin in 1975. At that time we moved to Fairbanks, Alaska, where we are still living. Ed is associate director of the Institute of Water Resources at the university. I earned my Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Alaska and am a self-employed systems analyst. I am an avid racquetball player and, in 1981, took up skydiving. I retired from that sport after five exhilerating jumps.

Our daughter, Morgan Elizabeth Brown, was born November 5, 1982, and our son, Christian Morgan Brown, was born on December 18, 1985. We enjoy our home in Alaska where we can see Mt. McKinley off in the distance from our front window.

by Sherry M. Brown

MORGAN - TAUBR

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Delbert Rosenberg with Blossom and Joseph Taubr. Wedding picture, December 14, 1974, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Blossom, of Lillian (Countryman), of Andrew Jackson.

My story begins with the birth of a second child to George and Lillian (Countryman) Morgan. I was born on the A.J. Countryman homestead 10/11/19 and was given the name Blossom Isabel. I shared the rural life with my five brothers and one sister, and attended grade school in a one-room district school about one mile from our home. We nearly always walked to school, but a few times when Mother didn't have anything prepared to put in our lunch pails, we would run the mile home, eat lunch, then run back to school for the afternoon classes. Needless to say, we were sometimes late getting back to school.

Although we suffered from many childhood diseases, the one I remember most vividly was chicken pox. While four of us older children were recuperating from an attack of this desease, and all four were lying on a bed in the living room, Mother was preparing to wash clothes in our gasoline-powered washing machine. She first mixed some gasoline with oil in an aluminum pitcher, then stepped into the bedroom to change her clothes and gather a batch for washing. Since we felt a little chilly, we asked John, who was about four or five years old, to stir up the fire in the stove that stood in the living room near the kitchen door. John picked up the pitcher and poured some of the gasoline mixture on the wood in the stove. Immediately the gasoline exploded into flames. John ran through the kitchen door, still holding onto the pitcher with its flaming contents spreading fire through the doorway in his rush to escape outside. While flames blocked the kitchen doorway, the four of us had no other way out of the house except through the living room window. We tumbled through it in frantic disorder and one of us ran to the barn at the foot of the hill to get Dad. By the time Dad reached the house the flames were already up to the ceiling. Fortunately, Mother had been heating up a tub of wash water on the kitchen stove. Dad grabbed the tub and threw the water up the flaming wall. This was enough to control the flames and we all pitched in to put out the fire.

Another incident that left some impressions on me happened when I was very young, probably between two and three years of age. Jack, LaVonne, and I decided we wanted to help Dad move some hay into the barn. I picked up an old three-tined pitchfork that had a broken handle. As I was trying with all my energy to lift a forkfull of hay, the fork slipped and one tine struck me in the left eye. My father was in the barn at the time of the accident so he wasn't sure what had happened. I don't remember what happened next but about a year later an abcess had formed behind that eye and I was rushed to the hospital in Sioux City, Iowa, one evening and the delicate operation was performed immediately. Dr. Sibley informed my parents that if I lost the sight in the injured eye, the other eye would be affected also. As young as I was, I can still see those nurses approaching my bed with a blanket which they used to tie my arms down before they would drain the fluid through my nose. I think one remembers the horrible pain this procedure produced. Even with all that pain I shall never forget the joy on Dr. Sibley's face when it came time to remove the bandages and he held up different items for me to see. When I could see a single hair that he had pulled from his head, he called it a miracle.

When I was 15 the family moved to a farm in Minnesota. I attended and graduated from Sebeka High School. After various jobs, I went to San Diego, California, where some of my brothers were living before entering service. While there I met and married Malcolm Lee Rosenberg. As he was about to enter services, I came back to Minnesota where our son, Delbert Lee, was born at Wadena, Minnesota, on May 24, 1943. Delbert died on January 5, 1980, at St. Paul, Minnesota. In 1951 I obtained a divorce and continued to work as a bookkeeper, secretary and accountant.

In the fall of 1966 I began working at the Corps of Engineers in St. Paul, Minnesota, doing accounting in the finance department. While at the Corps I met and married a distinguished, handsome engineer by the name of Joseph Henry Taubr on December 14, 1974. I now have three stepchildren, six stepgrandchildren, and three stepgreat-grandchildren. Joe and I are now retired and I'm so fortunate to have my four brothers and sister, LaVonne, all living in the Twin Cities area. We are very close and get together with any excuse to have a good time.

by Blossom Taubr

MORGAN, GEORGE & ELOISE (DE SELMS)

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George, of Lillian (Countryman), of A.J.

George Earl Morgan, grandson of A.J. Countryman and son of George Jasper and Lillian (Countryman) Morgan, was born in Sioux City, Iowa, on March 5, 1922. The family lived southeast of Moville, Iowa, until 1934 when they moved to a farm near Menegha, Minnesota.

One of my earliest memories in Minnesota is riding to school in a forerunner of the modern day school bus. This "bus" was a small building attached to a bobsled. Pulled by a team of horses and driven by a neighbor, it was equipped with a wood burning stove and had a seating capacity of eight to ten students.

My school days lasted until my middle teens, when I became more interested in going "on the road," doing various itinerant threshing and corn husking jobs for farmers from North Dakota to Iowa. On one of these jobs, while in Moville, Iowa, I was told of a recent visitor to the Del Countryman farm. The visitor was a girl named Eloise De Selms. I sent her a Christmas card that year and we began writing to each other.

World War II broke out and I served in the Army Air Corps from 1942 until the end of the war. My primary tour of duty was in Italy. On February 2, 1944, Eloise and I were married in Tampa, Florida.

Following the war, we settled in Peoria, Illinois, where I worked for the city waterworks department and later as a machinist for Caterpillar Tractor Company. Our two oldest children were born in Peoria: James Earl on September 4, 1946, and Patsy Ann on

Eloise and George Countryman at home, taken in 1986.

February 25, 1949. In 1959 we moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota. Our two youngest children were born there: Michael Ray on July 9, 1962, and Laura Lynn on May 17, 1963.

On May 8, 1971, James married Christine Sue Anderson. They have one daughter, Jessica Marie, born on March 7, 1977.

Patsy had a son, Robert James Morgan, born on April 8, 1968. He died on December 7, 1985.

On April 16, 1980, Michael married Colleen Leigh Cardinal. They have one son, Brandon Ray, born on July 7, 1981.

On December 5, 1980, Laura married Mark Jack Lien. They have two daughters: Angela Lynn, born on February 28, 1983, and Andrea Jo, born on January 25, 1985.

Eloise and I have lived in our present home in Blaine, Minnesota, a suburb of Minneapolis, since 1962. I am currently employed as a machinist for Gresen Manufacturing Company. I have been with the company for the past 25 years and, as of this writing, have less than a year to work before retirement.

In my leisure time I enjoy fishing and traveling and plan to do as much of both, in the near future, as my health and finances will allow. In addition, Eloise and I are members of our local Nazarene Church and are active in many of its programs.

by George E. Morgan

MORGAN, GEORGE & LILLIAN (COUNTRYMAN)

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Lillian, of Andrew Jackson, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johan Fredreich.

Lillian Countryman came into this world May 26, 1892, born to Andrew Jackson (A.J.) and Sabrina (Adair) Countryman at the homestead two miles east of Moville, Iowa. She married George Jasper Morgan at Sac City, Iowa, 2/27/18. George and Lillian began farming at various locations in the Moville area. During this time a son, Jack William, was born at Sioux City, Iowa, on 9/9/18; a daughter, Blossom Isabel, also born on the

Early family picture of the George and Lillian (Countryman) Morgan family, taken on the farm, Menahga, Minnesota, 1942. Back row left to right: Earl, John, Harold, Jack, and George (Dad). Front row left to right: LaVonne, Blossom, Leland, and Lillian (Mother).

50th wedding anniversary celebration of George and Lillian Morgan (seated) at Jordan, Minnesota, March 1968. Standing left to right: Jack, John, LaVonne, Harold, Blossom, and Earl.

Countryman homestead on 10/11/19; a daughter, Mabel LaVonne, born 2/14/21.

By this time the family had rented a farm southeast of Moville. Five more children were born: George Earl, born at Sioux City on 3/5/22; John Chester, born on the farm 12/28/23; Baby Peter, born dead, date of birth unknown; Harold Martin, born at the farm 12/14/26; and Leland Jasper, born at Sioux City 9/26/28 with spina bifida and other problems.

The family continued renting the farm for 12 years until it was sold in 1933. George and Lillian had to make plans to move their family and with very little money to spare, a decision was made to buy a farm in north central Minnesota, located between Sebeka and Menahga, Minnesota. The family arrived there on 3/1/34.

Jack and Blossom were out of grammar school by this time, while the remainder of the children, except Leland, attended District 52, a two-room rural school. Jack became his parents' right-hand man and it was another two years before Blossom was able to attend high school at Sebeka, Minnesota, graduating in 1939.

As World War II progressed, one by one the boys entered different armed services and were sent to different countries of the world. With their help gone it was too difficult for George and Lillian to make ends meet, so they decided to sell the farm and equipment and move to the Twin Cities where good wages could be had at the defense plants.

Jack entered the Army Coast Guard, serving in Germany and Iceland. Earl was in the Air Force, serving in Italy. Harold was traveling around the world in the Merchant Marines, and John was in the battles of the Pacific islands as a Marine. All had some real experiences, but John was the one who came home with the Purple Heart and wounds he carries to this day.

As the war came to a close and the defense plants laid off most of the workers, George and Lillian purchased a large old house on the outskirts of Jordan, Minnesota. It was at Jordan that George and Lillian celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. George worked at a foundry in Shakopee, then got into carpentry work, building houses. Their property consisted of five lots, which was enough for a mini farm. They raised some chickens and a cow or two and had some space for a garden.

Eventually George built a small house on a corner lot of their property, which they rented out for several years. About 1961 they sold a lot to their daughter Blossom. George and John were responsible for building a new rambler house for her, which she sold a couple years later. George and Lillian then moved into their little house where Lillian died July 3, 1973. George continued to live there until it was necessary for him to enter a nursing home at New Brighton, Minnesota, where he died three years later, June 18, 1976. Both are interred at Arlington Cemetery, Moville, Iowa, next to sons Baby Peter and Leland.

by Blossom Taubr

MORGAN, HAROLD & NORMA (BREIMHORST)

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D&M Dredger in the Morgans' front yard, June 1968. Left to right: Harold Morgan, Norma, Ann, Freckles (the dog), and David.

Harold, of Lillian (Countryman), of Andrew Jackson, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Friedrich.

Harold Martin Morgan was born December 14, 1926, on the farm southeast of Moville, Iowa. In the early spring of 1934 our family moved to a farm southeast of Menahga, Minnesota.

I served as a Merchant Marine during World War II, sailing to Persia and other ports around the world. Then I served 18 months in the army medical corps and was honorably discharged August 22, 1947.

A year later I met a lovely young lady of German descent by the name of Norma Ann Breimhorst, who was born on my same birthday, December 14, 1927. She was born and raised in Jordan, Minnesota. On July 1, 1950, we were married at Jordan. After living several years in apartments in Minneapolis, Minnesota, we purchased about an acre of land located on Central Avenue in Fridley, Minnesota, and with the help of my father we built a spacious six-room rambler on our property.

We have two children, David Martin Morgan, born June 3, 1957, and Ann Marie Morgan, born March 12, 1959.

Using my single garage at our home in Fridley, my neighbor, Norm Degelman, a real estate man, and I used our evenings and weekends designing experimental models of a portable dredger and tested them in nearby Moore Lake. Six years and one clear lake later, we had a "D&M" dredger. It weighed 3½ tons, could be transported by truck, and contained more than $23,000 worth of parts and materials. A 160-horsepower diesel engine propels the dredger across the lakes and powers a pump that throws more than 2,200 gallons of mud and water per minute. This led to the invention of the MUD CAT, with patents on it pending in the U.S. and Canada. Norm and I, along with two other partners, built four of these prototype machines, which were transported and operated in the Florida area under the name of Inland Service Corp. We worked dredging lakes and canals in southern Florida, in Disney World, and the Everglades National Park.

One of our greatest adventures was living in the Everglades through one summer, with millions of mosquitos and large turkey buzzards that would land every day near our trailer. Norma was not very fond of these living conditions. Also, I'll never forget one incident while working in the Everglades National Park. This particular day, I told my helper that I would unhook the machine from the tree which we used as an anchor to operate the dredging machine. He asked me quite innocently if I wanted to take along a machete in case I was threatened by a water moccasin snake, and I said, "No, thanks." Then in knee-deep water I stepped on an alligator. As I turned away from him, I tripped and fell within six inches, "eye to eye" with the alligator. I picked myself up slowly, then hastily tiptoed out of his way. The alligator must not have been hungry as he didn't pursue me. My friend said later that the alligator must have been at least ten feet long.

Ultimately in May 1970 my partners and I reached an agreement with National Car Rental for acquisition of the patents and manufacturing rights of the MUD CAT on a royalty basis.

While in Florida our son, David, worked with me on the dredger and our daughter, Ann, worked as a tour guide. My parents, along with my sister Blossom, flew down to visit us from Jordan, Minnesota, and to spend Thanksgiving with us. I went out and bagged a wild turkey for our Thanksgiving dinner.

Another time Blossom came down for a visit with her son, Delbert. One day David and Delbert went on an ocean fishing excursion. We told them to call when they docked at Kennedy Space Center and we would pick them up. Blossom said she would ride along to keep me company. The traffic was quite heavy, and as we came to a stop near an intersection with several cars ahead of us, we felt a crashing jolt as we were pushed forward into a chain reaction. I quickly asked Blossom if she was all right, as she ended up on the floor of the front seat with slivers of glass covering our hair and all over the front seat. She seemed shaken up, but otherwise O.K. Then I got out of our wrecked car to see what had happened. A large garbage truck had failed to stop and the front end of his truck was in what was left of the trunk of my car. We had to call on a neighbor to go out and pick up the boys while we went to the hospital to be checked over.

In December 1973 we returned to our home in Fridley, Minnesota, and I went to work for the Tennant Company as a machinist. In November 1980 I had a quin bypass heart surgery. Now I have some time for hunting and fishing.

by Harold Martin Morgan

MORGAN, JACK & JULIA (EDMUNDSON)

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Julia and Jack Morgan.

Jack, of Lillian (Countryman), of A.J., of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st.

My mother, Lillian Countryman, married George J. Morgan of Correctionville, Iowa. Soon they moved to a 160-acre farm southeast of Moville, Iowa, where most of their seven children were born, namely: Jack, Blossom, LaVonne, Earl, John, Harold, and Leland. Their individual stories appear elsewhere in this book.

I, Jack, was born September 9, 1918, at Sioux City, Iowa. We moved to Minnesota in 1934. I was married to Julia M. Edmundson on June 8, 1946. Julia was born April 7, 1917, at Sebeka, Minnesota. She was the third child born to Edmund Edmundson and Hilda Skaro, long-time residents of Sebeka. Julia's father immigrated from Norway. Her mother's side of the family, the Skaros, were early settlers of the St. Peter, Minnesota, area. One of her ancestors, Captain Askrim Skaro of Company D, 9th Minnesota Infantry, lost his life near Nashville, Tennessee, during the Civil War on December 16, 1864.

Julia and I have two children. Rodney Jack Morgan, born March 18, 1949, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, was married to Kathleen (Kitty) Marie Phelan in Minneapolis on June 20, 1971. Kathleen was born December 8, 1950, in Minneapolis. Rodney and Kitty now live in Maple Grove, Minnesota. They have two children, Thomas Edmund Morgan, born April 6, 1974, at Chisholm, Minnesota, and William Michael Morgan, born March 16, 1976, at Hibbing, Minnesota. Our daughter, Sherry Gay Morgan, born August 22, 1950, at Hutchinson, Minnesota, married Dr. Edward Brown on January 21, 1972. Edward was born December 26, 1948, at Litchfield, Minnesota. They have two children, Morgan Elizabeth Brown, born November 5, 1982, at Fairbanks, Alaska, and Christian Morgan Brown, born December 18, 1985, at Fairbanks, Alaska, where they are now living.

There was never a dull moment growing up on a farm with four brothers and two sisters. We invented our own interesting and exciting modes of entertainment. Some of them I can assure you were rather frightening to our parents. Like the time I asked Mother to come get the little kitty out of the butter churn. To Mother's surprise, the kitty was a civet cat! Another time we children were playing with a buggy in our yard. It somehow got away from us and ran over my chest. Even now I can feel the damage done to my ribs. That still wasn't enough excitement, so we hitched up the buggy to our favorite pony and went for a ride down some of the steep hills near our farm. One hill was too much for old dobbin, and into the ditch went the buggy loaded down with all us kids, right into a big

nettle patch. Luckily, no one was hurt. I might say the tall nettles probably cushioned our fall, but it wasn't a very pleasant feeling on our skin. Needless to say, we picked up the buggy and climbed out of the ditch. We still had a couple of good sized hills to travel yet before reaching home, but we were much more cautious. There were so many of us at our dinner table that if you stubbed your toe, you might as well forget about eating that time. I was 12 years old before I realized there was any other piece besides the back of the fried chicken. Well, there were many other stories in my life too numerous to mention.

In the spring of 1934 my father moved the family to a farm in Wadena County, Minnesota, living there until 1944 when they moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota.

I entered the army in August 1941. After basic training in Virginia, I was assigned to the 749th Coast Artillery. At the declaration of World War II, December 7, 1941, we moved to Bath, Maine, setting up gun emplacements there. Just a year after entering the army we were ordered to Iceland. I was there for 22 months. We then moved on to England, France, and Germany. Our company was assigned to the 12th Army Group Headquarters as a vehicle transportation company. I had the rank of staff sergeant when the opportunity to chauffeur for General Lovett presented itself and I accepted, an assignment I have never regretted. I traveled over 16,000 miles through France, Holland, Belgium, Germany, and Bavaria.

One night I was alone returning from the front line during the Battle of the Bulge. I had driven a few miles without seeing anyone, and my mind began to think that maybe I was in no man's land — not sure on which side I might come out of it, I continued driving. Suddenly I was relieved and thrilled to see an American bivouac area ahead.

I was discharged from service November 1, 1945. There were four of us brothers in the service at the time, all in different localities, and I thank God all returned home. Not without injuries, however; my brother John was seriously wounded with the U.S. Marines in the South Pacific. I am happy that all members of this Morgan family eventually returned and settled in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area where we all share a close and loving relationship. We are affectionately referred to as "The Morgans" by our many cousins.

I have retired from the U.S. Postal Service as a supervisor in 1980. My wife and I do a lot of traveling and enjoy our lake cabin during the summers. We have made some very interesting trips out west with cousins Ardell, Grace, and Dayton Countryman, visiting some historical landmarks of Uncle Horace Countryman and also the areas of work and living sites of our Grandpa A.J. Countryman and his parents. I would like to pay tribute to Jim Annin, editor, writer, and historian of Columbus, Montana, for his contribution to history in articles published regarding Uncle Horace Countryman's part in reporting Custer's massacre.

by Jack W. Morgan

MORGAN, JOHN & MARY (BUECHE)

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Christmas 1985. Back row: John Morgan and his wife Mary. Front row: Ken Marschall, Marlys, Kara, and Lisa.

John, of Lillian (Countryman), of

John Chester Morgan was born at the farm near Moville, Iowa, on December 28, 1923. Early in 1933 we moved to Wadena County, Minnesota. Ten years later, during World War II, on March 17, 1943, I was drafted into the U.S. Marine Corps along with my good buddy and neighbor, Raymond Komula. My first sad experience was when Raymond developed pneumonia and died during our basic training. After basic training and a short furlough home, our section was sent to the South Pacific war zone. We fought on the islands of Saipan and Iwo Jima. Weeks of fierce fighting finally ended for me when I sustained injuries that sent me to the hospital. I was awarded the Purple Heart and discharged from the service on July 31, 1945.

I married Mary Theresa Bueche from Carver, Minnesota. Mary was born at Abbotsford, Wisconsin, on September 22, 1927. Five children were born to us: Steven John, born May 10, 1953, at Shakopee, Minnesota, died June 17, 1977; Marlys Mary, born December 29, 1954, at Waconia, Minnesota; Mark Gilbert, born October 3, 1957, at Shakopee, Minnesota, died November 2, 1979; Keith Joseph, born August 4, 1959, at New Prague, Minnesota; and Lyndon George, born January 11, 1965, at Shakopee, Minnesota.

Our daughter, Marlys, married Kenneth Marschall. Kenneth was born at Shakopee, Minnesota, on March 6, 1943. They have two daughters, both born at Shakopee: Kara Diane Marschall, born April 12, 1975; and Lisa Marie Marschall, born October 31, 1976. They live in one of the newer homes in Shakopee, Minnesota.

In May 1965 we bought a home in Jordan, Minnesota. Since then, with the help from Mary and our sons, we have been remodeling and improving the property. The Sand Creek, a short distance from our house, and the Minnesota River, just over the hill, have provided hours of fishing and also mink and muskrat trapping.

by John C. Morgan

MORGAN, LELAND JASPER

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Leland Jasper Morgan on the farm at Menahga, Minnesota, winter 1942.

Leland, of Lillian (Countryman), of Andrew Jackson.

Leland Jasper Morgan was the youngest child born to George and Lillian (Countryman) Morgan in Sioux City, Iowa, on September 26, 1928. Leland was born with an open spine (spina bifida) and other physical handicaps. At about six weeks of age he had the operation to close the opening in his lower spine. His head enlarged from the accumulated fluids, but the brain was not damaged.

By two years of age Leland could not walk because of the deformed feet which did not allow him enough balance. That Christmas the Countryman family gave him a walker and it wasn't long after that he learned to walk on his crippled heels. They were rounded like balls and the front part of his feet would hang limply over those ball heels. Finally, at about eight years of age he was taken to Gillett Childrens Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota, where they straightened out his feet and fitted him with special shoes. Also for a time he wore braces on his legs. This was a very difficult time for Leland as he had never been away from the family, at least that he remembered. He could walk without hanging onto something for support and he loved to walk up to the mailbox, about a quarter of a mile, to get the mail.

Although his disabilities kept him out of school, the family taught him all he needed to know. In his teens it was evident his system was slowing down and on April 14, 1946, he died of congestive heart failure with the family gathered at his bedside. He always believed he would go to Heaven and have a new, perfect body, and I'm sure of all the angels in Heaven one of them is named Leland.

by Blossom Taubr

MORGAN, MABEL LAVONNE

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Dana Fuller, LeRoy's father, taken about 1942.

Glen and LaVonne Bicknell, taken in 1985.

Mabel Lavonne (Morgan) Fuller Bicknell

Mabel LaVonne, of Lillian (Countryman), of Andrew Jackson.

I was born in Moville, Iowa, on January 14, 1921, the third child of George Jasper and Lillian (Countryman) Morgan. My grandparents were Andrew Jackson and Sabrina (Adair) Countryman. At the time of my birth, our family lived on a farm about seven miles southeast of Moville.

Like any normal children, my brothers, my sister and I usually seemed to be doing things that aggravated our parents. I remember one happening that started out innocently but gradually grew into an event that brought great anxiety and worry to my parents and neighbors. The event began on one early evening when Dad was milking the cows. Mother would allow me to remove the little tin cup hanging on the cream separator and take it to Dad for a cup of warm, fresh milk. Our large barn had three sections: a machine shed on one side, a horse barn in the center, and a cow barn on the other side where Dad was milking. I entered the barn in the horses' section, from where I could hear Dad milking a cow, but for some reason I could not find my way to him. I was so tired and confused that I crawled up into one of the horses' feed boxes where I soon fell asleep. Shortly thereafter, when Mother could not find me, she started a search that gradually developed into a full-scale hunting party involving the whole family; and neighbors with lanterns went looking in rain barrels, pig pens, cornfields, and any place where a little girl could wander. After several frightening and tearful hours of searching, one of the neighbors said he would take one more look through the barns and discovered that what he had thought was a setting hen was really myself curled up in the feed box and still safe and asleep.

When I was 13 we moved from Iowa to Menahga, Minnesota, where Dad had pruchased a 160-acre farm located about nine miles from the town. It was an exciting and yet frightening trip for all of us, because we had to vacate the only home we could remember and travel far away from our friends and family. We were to take possession of our new home on March 1, 1934. We made the trip in two old and overloaded vehicles. Dad and brother Jack drove a Hawkeye truck and an Overland car with a trailer, all fully loaded beyond capacity with our belongings.

Although Dad could make needed car repairs, he could not do anything about a worn tire that had too many blow-outs. Dad tried to buy a new tire for the Hawkeye truck at Spirit Lake, Iowa, but he was told that tires for this old truck were not stocked any more and had to be ordered. While we were staying at a motel waiting for the new tire, brothers Earl, John and Harold ran off to go skating on the lake. The thin March ice started cracking when they were out some distance, and we had a scary time waiting for them to reach shore safely. I must admit, though, that this harrowing incident and the discomfort of the first day of the trip were soon forgotten by all of us that night in the deep feather beds of the motel.

By the time we reached Sebeka, Minnesota, it was almost dark and snowy, and we still had about ten miles to go. Dad was the only one who knew the directions from Sebeka, but after we left the main highway Mother remained fearful of losing the way until we finally arrived at the new farm. We were all tired, hungry and downhearted to find that the farm house was a one-room log cabin with just a barrel stove. What a letdown from the nine-room house we used to live in. We gathered up some wood for the stove and started to unload. Before we finished, our new neighbors came over to bid us welcome and possibly to satisfy their curiosity. They were of Finnish nationality, and when they started talking in their language among themselves, we really wondered what we had gotten ourselves into. But they soon became friends and helped us get settled.

When I was 18 I went back to Iowa to visit relatives and find a job. Sioux City, Iowa, was the largest city near my relatives so I got a job in Sioux City. After my sister Blossom graduated from Sebeka High School, she joined me in Sioux City, found a job, and as I accompanied her to her place of residence we got caught in the famous November 11, 1941, blizzard. As neither one of us knew the city very well, we got off the bus too soon and had to walk several blocks in the blinding snowstorm. That's one snowstorm we won't forget.

It was in Sioux City that I met Dana Kenneth Fuller, who was in the army reserves. We were married on December 28, 1941, and shortly after we moved to Staten Island, New York, where Dana was stationed and where our son, LeRoy Kenneth Fuller, was born on March 9, 1943. When our son was about eight months old, Dana was to be transferered to a different location. On furlough between moves, we decided it would be a nice time to go home, let the folks see their new grandson, and stay with them until Dana got settled. We bought 40 acres adjoining the folks' farm, because the property had a little cabin where LeRoy and I could live temporarily. Shortly, we closed up the cabin and moved to Trenton, New Jersey. While there the news came from the family that someone had broken into our cabin and stolen all our belongings. As we were still moving around numerous times, we decided to sell the property.

On December 1, 1947, Dana and I were divorced. Then while working in Minneapolis, Minnesota, I met and married Glen Bicknell on March 14, 1964. We now live in Minneapolis.

LeRoy married Joy Cressman on April 10, 1963, in Minneapolis. They have two sons, Anthony Kenneth Fuller, born November 26, 1964, and Gregory Shane Fuller, born August 7, 1966. They live just a few miles from us. LeRoy's story also appears in this book.

All my brothers and sister live within 50 miles, so we have many family meetings, and also do some traveling together.

by Mabel Lavonne Bicknell

MORGAN, RODNEY & KATHLEEN (PHELAN)

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Rodney, of Jack, of Lillian (Countryman), of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st.

Rodney Jack Morgan was born March 18, 1949, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He married Kathleen (Kitty) Marie Phelan in Minneapolis on June 20, 1971.

Kathleen was born December 8, 1950, in Minneapolis. They have two children: Thomas Edmund Morgan, born April 6, 1974, in Chisholm, Minnesota; and William Michael

Kathleen (Phelan) and Rodney Morgan with their sons, Thomas and William, Christmas 1984.

Morgan, born March 16, 1976, in Hibbing, Minnesota.

Rodney graduated from Mounds View High School in 1967 and attended the University of Minnesota and St. Cloud State College, St. Cloud, Minnesota. Kathleen graduated from Columbia Heights High School in 1968. She also attended St. Cloud State.

In 1972 they accepted a position at The Range Center for the mentally retarded at Chisholm, Minnesota. Rodney also worked for U.S. Steel at Mountain Iron, Minnesota. They are now living in Maple Grove, Minnesota, engaged in working with the handicapped and mentally retarded.

by Rodney J. Morgan

MURPHY, GEORGE & DOROTHY (FLETCHER)

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Dorothy, of Julia Wade, of Madeline Biggers, of Elizabeth (Countryman), of Andrew III, of Andrew, Jr., of Andrew Francis, of Johann Fridrich.

George and Dorothy Murphy, August 1985.

My mother was Julia Dent Wade, born March 16, 1885, in Muscogee County, Georgia, and my father was Frederick Eugene Fletcher, born 21 January 1886 in Columbus, Georgia. They married 24 April 1907 in Smith's Station, Alabama. After their marriage they lived in Columbus, Georgia. I am the fourth of five children and I was born 14 November 1913 in Columbus. My brothers and sisters are Sarah Elizabeth, Myles Wade (deceased), Frederick Eugene, and Madelyn Virginia. My mother was the daughter of Miles Green Wade and Madeline Virginia Biggers, who was the daughter of Lorenzo Madison Biggers and Ann Elizabeth Dent. Lorenzo was the son of Joseph Biggers and Elizabeth Countryman.

I married George Washington Murphy IV 1 February 1936 at the home of my sister Elizabeth in Birmingham, Alabama. Our son, George Washington V, was born 4 December 1936 in Columbus, Georgia.

In 1939 we went to Buenos Aires, Argentina, where my husband worked for a textile firm. We spent 35 years in Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil. Our daughter, Madelyn Elizabeth, was born in Buenos Aires 8 May 1942. My husband retired in 1974 and we returned to Georgia to live.

Our son, George Washington V, is married to Jane Lawson of Spartanburg, South Carolina. They married 16 June 1962 and live in Greenville, South Carolina. They have three children: Gwendolyn Gay, born 12 December 1963; Catherine Ann, born 26 August 1966; and Michael Patrick, born 2 April 1974. Our son graduated from McCallie, a prep school in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He graduated from Georgia Tech in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1959 and is in the textile industry. He speaks English, Spanish, and Portuguese. Gwendolyn and Catherine both attend Clemson College in Clemson, South Carolina.

Our daughter, Madelyn Elizabeth, married Ian Savidge, an Englishman, in Buenos Aires 2 March 1968. I had taught her English myself for six years with a course from the United States. I did it because at that time we lived in a very small town in Uruguay and there were no good schools there. She did go to a Catholic school in the mornings for Spanish and companionship. When she was 15, we sent her to the United States to attend high school She went to Westminster School in Atlanta, as a boarder. Afterwards, she went to Sophia Newcomb College in New Orleans, Louisiana, for a year. She then attended the Sorbonne in Paris one summer and the University of Florence, Italy, for a year. She speaks English, Spanish, French, and Italian. The Savidges have three children: Christopher Grant, born 21 January 1971 in Panama; Julia Elizabeth, born 9 November 1973 in Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Jennifer Lyn, born 17 December 1974 in England. They now live in Brampton, Ontario, Canada. When Madelyn was 40 she took a nursing course and is a qualified RN.

George and I have traveled a great deal. We have been to Europe several times, the Middle East, Russia, and India, as well as many countries in South America. Since we have been back home, I have become interested in genealogy and have joined several patriotic societies. My roots are deep here as both sides of my family came to this area early.

by Dorothy Murphy

MYERS, ALBERT AND ANN (OAKES)

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The Wyoming Countrymans — Albert, of Isobel (Countryman), of Mark Ward, of Charles Raynor.

Joseph Arthur and Kristin Jolaine Myers, August 1967.

Albert Evan Alvin Myers, only child of Arthur Warren and Isobel (Countryman) Myers, was born August 16, 1944, in Columbia, South Carolina. He married Ann Oakes on September 14, 1963, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They had two children, Joseph Arthur, born May 18, 1964, and Kristin Jolaine, born October 24, 1966. They were divorced in 1971.

Lieutenant Arthur Warren and Isobel Myers brought their new little son home to see his grandparents Myers and Countryman October 18, 1944, when he was three months old. Warren left October 21, 1944, to go overseas. The summer of 1945 baby Bert was baptized in the old St. James Episcopal Church in Riverton, Wyoming, using the old marble baptismal font. Warren came home and they left for Camp Gruber in Muscogee, Oklahoma, January 4, 1946.

They were next assigned to Puerto Rico 1946–1949. Little Bert was trying to speak Spanish — "Bert es bonito." Their next place was Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland. Isobel and Bert came home in September 1950 as Warren was sent to Korea. Isobel rented a house in Lander, Wyoming, and Bert started his first year of school They lived near her sister Margaret Hart and she was very good to the war wife and child. They spent weekends and the summer of 1951 out on the Sweetwater ranch. Bert's father was wounded in Korea. Isobel wrote, "I have a lot of faith in God and Arthur Warren too and I know it won't be much longer 'till he is home

with us." (It was later than she thought.)

The family moved to Fort Hood, Copperas Grove, Texas, in February 1952 and to Fort Knox, Kentucky, later the same year. In 1953 Warren arrived in Fulda, Germany, and Isobel and Bert visited in Lander before joining him there. Bert learned German and fencing and was on a basketball team and den chief in the Cub Scouts. One winter Bert got lost in the forest in a raging blizzard. His father searched frantically for him all one night, finding him near daylight none the less for wear, but poor Warren collapsed from fright and exhaustion. In 1956 they returned to Leavenworth, Kansas, where Bert's father died from a heart attack in 1957.

Bert spent the following year on the Sweetwater and at school in Lander, Wyoming. On January 8, 1958, his mother put him on a plane to go to Fort Union Military Academy in Virginia. She said, "He walked away from me as straight as an arrow, just like his father." At the academy he was manager of the rifle team and in the color guard. His last year there was 1961, and he returned to live at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, helping out at the motel owned by his mother and her husband, Joe Pavelich. Bert graduated from high school there in May 1962, served six months in the reserves at Fort Ord, and went to Idaho State College in Moscow in 1963.

Bert was going with Ann Oakes and they were secretly married. When Ann's mother found out, she insisted they have their wedding blessed in the church by the Rev. Wanamaker on November 23, 1963. Ann was working for Pendar, a big electronics firm. Bert continued with college, transferring at mid-term to North Idaho College.

In the summers Bert worked at a number of jobs. Their first baby, Joseph Arthur, was born May 19, 1964, the same week Bert was taking his finals. Bert painted a mural of Bavarian dancers with the Alps in the background for an eating and dancing place, and finished other oils, watercolors and cartoons, one of which he sold. Kristen Jolaine was born October 24, 1966. After Christmas they moved to San Jose, California. Bert went to work for the post office and attended San Jose State College at night, majoring in arts. He soon sold more cartoons and exhibited his oils in a San Francisco art show. In 1968 they moved to Milpitas, California, where Bert continued night school and they both worked for the post office. Bert completed 89 route maps.

The whole family was shattered by Isobel's death in 1969, and nothing was ever the same. In 1971 they were divorced. Bert went to work finishing cement and remodeling. He saw his children on weekends and brought them back to Sweetwater and out to dig the Farson fish-fossils. Bert returned the next year and painted pictures of Indians on the layered silt stone fossil rocks, selling all he could paint.

Excerpts from a 1985 letter from Bert: "Yuma Proving Grounds, June 5th, 1985. My wife, Mert, and I went back to Oklahoma to see her dad. . . . her daugher Terry (my stepdaughter) graduated from the 6th grade. . . . I've got top secret security clearance and work with Civil Service, the military, and technical representatives from several companies — also with allied foreign military and their equipment testing. . . . Joe had his 21st birthday in May & has been working for K-Mart in San Jose for about 3 yrs now. He has a band & plays music on weekends. Kristin will be 19 and is going to college in California. . . . Mert & I may be moving to Fort Hood, Texas, this summer. . . . We are ready (I used to live there at Ft. Hood & Mert was born & raised in Texas.) . . . Take care & God Bless. Love, Bert."

by Dorothy Kimball

MYERS, ARTHUR WARREN AND ISOBEL (COUNTRYMAN)

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The Wyoming Countrymans — Isobel, of Mark Ward, of Charles Raynor.

Major Arthur Warren Myers, Headquarters 1st. Bn., 14th Armd. Cav. Regt., about 1952.

On February 20, 1943, Isobel Countryman's parents drove her to Rawlins, Wyoming, and she took the train to Ft. Worth, Texas. Three days later Isobel and Lieutenant Arthur Warren Myers were married by Judge Neighbors in Brownwood, Texas. Isobel wore a gold wool dress with brown accessories, and Warren wore his dress uniform.

Their first address was 611 Coggins, Brownwood, Texas. They lived in many camps in the following two years: Camp Hood, Temple, Henderson, Kentucky; Nashville, Tennessee; Columbia, South Carolina, where their baby son was born; Ft. Jackson, Lexington, South Carolina; Camp Gruber, Muskogee, Oklahoma; and Henderson, Kentucky, where on October 26, 1943, Warren went to Camp Atterberry, Indiana, for two weeks to go through a commando course and fire three in guns.

December 1944 Warren was in England and Isobel and baby came home to her parents. April 17, 1945, Warren was in Germany, returning after the war to Camp Gruber, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Their next assignment was in Puerto Rico from 1946–1949. Lieut. A.W. Myers was promoted to captain on March 10, 1949. They left Puerto Rico April 5, 1949, going to Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

September 16, 1950, Warren went to Korea, so Isobel again came home. On October 31, 1950, engaged in guerilla warfare at Cumchow. On November 1 he wrote the following to Isobel's mother:

"This is a hell of a country, the worst as far as sanitation goes of any I've ever seen. It doesn't seem to me that the American lives and dollars that have been and are being lost here forever are going to realize much in return. The people impress me with their apathetic attitude toward life, government and everything except their next meal. I don't believe they care much who and what type of government rules them. The weather here is very cold at night. We finally drew mountain sleeping bags which helped at night; until we got them though I nearly froze at night. I hope when we leave here [Pusan] we go someplace where Isobel and Bert may eventually join me. Don't worry about me I'm able to care for myself. Best of luck always and God bless you. Love, Warren."

Excerpts from other letters: March 30, 1951 — "Shot in leg. Red Cross carried out on stretcher." February 15, 1951 — "Eight miles south east of Seoul, Korea. Tired of this place and sick of this war, most shot up bombed out place I have ever seen, deserted of civilians. Reminds me of England in war." April 1951 — "Almost completely recovered. I'm old and stringy and consequently hard to hurt."

On September 14, 1951, Warren was promoted to Major A.W. Myers.

1952 — Copperas Grove, Texas. July 30th — Ft. Knox, Kentucky. 1952, 1953–1956, they lived in Germany. Warren arrived in Fulda on August 4, 1953. Isobel and Bert joined him soon. Here they lived in a big house with a German maid who spoke good English and wouldn't let Isobel do anything. They loved the big yard with so many kinds of fruits and strawberries.

They returned to Leavenworth, Kansas, where Warren studied atomic, math, and computers. They were packing to go to his next assignment in the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., when Warren suffered a fatal heart attack on January 19, 1957. Isobel brought him home to Lander, Wyoming, where he was buried with full military honors and was interred in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

by Dorothy Kimball

NORTON, LUANNE (COUNTRYMAN)

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LuAnne, of Donald Elwood, of Jackson Delbert, of Andrew Jackson, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Frederich.

LuAnne, daughter of Donald Elwood and Winnie (Bolles) Countryman, was born on October 19, 1956, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa. I was the youngest of four children. I have two brothers, Donald Craig, Jr., the eldest, and Michael Wayne, and one sister, Patricia Jean. I attended Woodbury Central School in Mov-

Left to right: Seth Dixon, LuAnne (Countryman) Norton, and Dell Norton, taken in 1986.

ille, Iowa, through second grade. The rest of my school years were spent at Correctionville, Iowa, where I graduated from Eastwood High School.

In 1974 I was married to Donald P. Dixon. We lived in Correctionville. On October 7, 1975, we had a son, Seth Andrew. We were married for seven years, then divorced. Seth and I moved to Moville, where we lived for five months.

In September of 1981 we moved to Kalispell, Montana. I was married to Dell Norton on October 9, 1981. We lived in the Flathead Valley, halfway between Kalispell and Whitefish. We bought 30 acres with an old A-frame house on it, which we totally renovated. Seth attended school in Whitefish.

In May of 1983 we moved to Kerrville, Texas, where we are living at this time. We purchased 30 acres on which Dell, my dad, and I built our new home. Seth is attending school at Center Point Elementary.

by LuAnne Norton

PAVELICH, JOSEPH AND ISOBEL (COUNTRYMAN)

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The Wyoming Countrymans — Isobel, of Mark Ward, of Charles Raynor.

A grief-stricken young widow after her husband died suddenly in 1957, Isobel (Countryman) Myers stayed at her parents' home in Wyoming for a time. Finally she decided she must get away from all her family and his family and try to rebuild her shattered life. Leaving her son Bert, now 13, at her parents' ranch, she left for the West Coast.

On January 8, 1958, she saw her son off on the plane to go to Ft. Union Military Academy, Virginia.

March 26, 1958, Isobel married Joe Pavelich (a high school classmate) in Tooele, Utah. Her sister Truth Borgogno was matron of honor and Richard June was Joe's best man, a forest service man from Montana and their friend Mike Vinich from Hudson. Two more of Isobel's sisters, Virginia Bingham and Ann Caffall from Salt Lake City were also there. After their wedding they left for Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where Joe had rented a cabin on the lakefront. Here Joe wrote on his novel

Isobel (Countryman) Myers Pavelich, about 1966 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

and Isobel enjoyed the quiet, reading and painting. Matt, Joe's six-year-old son, visited them a week in May, coming from Hot Springs, Montana. Bert joined them after his school was out.

In late August they made a down payment as joint owners on the Maple Leaf Motel, which proved to be a lot of work. Isobel met the challenge and worked like a trooper, insisting she enjoyed all the work involved. Joe did the heavy work, turning mattresses once a week and cleaning the carpets. The tourist season was coming to an end, so Joe got a job substitute teaching, leaving Isobel to run the motel.

In her spare time she did the yard work, planting tulips, mums and shrubs. She said, "Now, for the first time I will get to see what I plant bloom." Isobel flew home on a quick trip in November 1959 to bring her sister Margaret Hart for dental surgery in Spokane, Washington. The motel proved to be a lot of hard work and little money. In the first place, they got off to a bad start taking it on at the close of the tourist trade. Then in 1960 the highway bypassed the motel, so there was nothing to do but sell out their interest, which proved very frustrating. It took another year to terminate the deal.

They made out somehow, as Joe was qualified to teach school, had been a postal clerk, paper hanger, and a union bartender. Also, he had a pension from World War II. He held stock in Vipont Uranium Mining, which eventually paid off well. He tended bar at the "Cove," Country Club, North Shore and the Ponderosa Golf Club. He was known as the best bartender in the Northwest.

Isobel did volunteer work for Red Cross, Heart and Cancer drives for three years. She served as secretary for the Kootenai County Democratic Women. She helped get Frank Church elected to the U.S. Senate, and he wrote her and Joe a nice letter in appreciation for all they had done to get him elected. Isobel served on the jury in March 1965, two felony charges, assault with intent to kill and a first degree murder, a very traumatic experience.

In July 1963 they bought their own home at 1043 Mountain Avenue, two blocks from the lake. It had a huge yard with two huge Ponderosa Pines, weeping willow, maple trees, lilacs, cherry and apple trees, and also an outdoor fireplace. Isobel was again going full blast planting a garden, more bulbs, and making strawberry jam and apple pies, raking leaves in the fall — 50 baskets full one time. She redecorated the house.

In the spring of 1966 Isobel was diagnosed as having cancer, and she passed away March 10, 1969.

by Dorothy Kimball

PETERS, JOHN & CLARISSA (COUNTRYMAN)

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The following letters were written to Clarissa L. (Countryman) Peters during the Civil War.

Stone River Tenn Jan. 9th 1863

Mrs. C.L. Peters, I take the opportunity to inform of the death of your husband John is dead he was shot through the head and was kild dead he met with his death on wednesday morning Dec 31st George Helm fell by his side they slept side by side and fell side by side and I buried them side by side you must not take his death to heart for he was a brave boy and died for his country. We halve had a hard Battle here it lasted five dayes it commenced tuesday and lasted untill Saturday night John was kild in the second day of the Battle it has been a hard Battle many a brave boy has fell in this Battle it is called the Battle of Stone River. Where the Rebels ataked us on wednesday morning they drove us back a little and took possession of our grounds and plundered our dead in the afternoon we drove them and we drove them every day after and saturday night they took to their heels and left for Chatanooga the loss was very heavy on both sides John had nothing about his person that I can send you the rebels took his over coat and Blanket and picked his pockets but i took a lock of his hair from his head that I will send to you he had no money about him we halve not drawed a cent of our pay yet we expect to get our money this month I will halve the Captain send you his Description role so that you can draw his money if there is any thing you want to know about write to me and I will do what I can for you You will get your money I halve not got time to write any more you must make the best of it you can here is my best respects to you keep in good spirits you will see better times

If you write Direct
Co. K 88th Reg, Ill Vol. Nashville Tenn.
Harry Huntington

Camp on Stone River near Murfreesboro Feb 16th 1863

Dear Friend Mrs. Peters I take the oportunity to write you a few lines as it is the first time I halve an opportunity since I received your letter you wanted to know all about John and what became of his things his boots you spoke of he wore them out his cloths wer lost on Christmas day we were on picket and the tents were struck and our knapsacks was all put on the wagons and when we came to get them again there was a good many of them

missing Liman Lamb lost his the time and his overcoat and blanket the Rebels got them. Your likeness I expect they got that to he had it in his pocket the locket I do not know what became of it but I think it was in his knapsack this paper that you spoke about burried him with it around his neck I made out a list of all the clothing he had in his knapsack and of his overcoat and blanket and handed it to the captain he said that you would get pay for everything he had that he had drawn from the government it will be added to his wages . . . and you wanted to know if he said anything about his things or family. I don't recolect of his saying anything about either you wanted to know who his officers were General Rosencrans in command of the hole army . . . Major General McCook our Corps Commander Major Gen Sheridan our division commander Gen Sill our brigade Commander he was kild in the Battle Colonel Sherman commands the Brigade now he is our colonel our Lieut Colonel Chadburn our Major Chandler our Capt Daniel E Barnard our 1st Lieut H C Mcdonald 2nd Lieut E E Tucker that is the names of all the officers over us you wanted to know if he was well buried he was for I buried him myself he was shot through the head and died instantly he never spoke a word it did not spoil his looks mutch he did not have his likeness taken for he had no chance if he was here now he could halve it taken there is a place in our Regt that they take them now I expect we will have another fight here soon that old fellow that was a cooking with John in Chicago came up to the Regt last week he has been in Louisville every since we left there we are all well at present I never enjoyed better health in my life that is all for this time if there is anything else you want to know about write and I will tell you all I know write often

Yours Truly Harry Huntington

submitted by Judith Meier

PETERS, JOHN DANIEL ALFRED & EMILY (STOKES) PETERSON

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Daniel, of Clarissa (Countryman), of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

On 23 December 1912 John Daniel was married a third time in LaCrosse, LaCrosse County, Wisconsin, by John Brindley, a county judge, with witnesses Charles W. Petz and Margaret Cagle. Emily Ann Stokes was born 14 June 1868 in Vernon County, Wisconsin, to Elias and Louisa (Hadley) Stokes. Elias was born, also, in Vernon County. His wife was born in New York City. Emily married first a Mr. Peterson, who left her a widow.

A daughter, Lola Goldie, was born to Daniel and Emily in 1913 at Cataract, Monroe County, Wisconsin. Goldie, at age 14, was married to Albert Wayne McMillen on 24 March 1927 in Black River Falls, Jackson County. Albert was born in 1902 in Wisconsin to John and Millie (Faulkner) McMillen. Albert and Goldie, both residing in Albion, Jackson County, at the time of their marriage, were divorced in September of 1929. Albert was a laborer.

On 22 December 1930 in Black River Falls, Goldie was married a second time to Ebenezer Dickie of Black River Falls. Ebenezer, born about 1901, son of George and Louisa (Raymond) Dickie, was employed at a box factory. His first marriage was to Bertha Spangel on 9 June 1923. They were divorced 12 April 1928. Goldie and Ebenezer were residing in Black River Falls in 1932.

"In 1927 [John Daniel and Emily] moved to the Girouard farm northwest of the city [of Black River Falls] where he resided three years. He since had been operating a farm for John Dunn in Manchester."

John suffered from myocarditis for two years, and dropsy [general edema] for eight months before his death on 19 March 1932 in Black River Falls. He was 70 years 11 months and 18 days. The funeral service was held from Mattson's Funeral Home, with the Reverend A.D. Lehman of Melrose officiating. Seventeen grandchildren survived him.

"Mr. Peters was an honest, industrious man and until his illness came upon him he continued to earnestly apply himself to his farming operations. He was a devoted husband and father and a good friend and neighbor. He was well regarded by his many friends whose sympathy goes out to his family and relatives in their sorrow. . . . Interment was made at the Melrose Cemetery." (*The Banner Journal* , 4–6–1932) His residence was given as the Oak Ridge community.

Emily married a third time to Peter Berg on 22 August 1934 in Black River Falls. Peter was born about 1876 in Norway to Easton and Dorta Berg. This was his first marriage. Emily died from apoplexy on 16 November 1942 at the age of 74 years 5 months 2 days. G.E. Matson was the funeral director. Peter died 23 November 1959 at 84 years and is buried in the Riverside Cemetery, Black River Falls, Jackson County.

by Lorraine Weick

PETERS, JOHN DANIEL ALFRED & EMMA (NEISWANDER)

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Daniel, of Clarissa (Countryman), of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

John Daniel Alfred was born 30 March 1861 in East Wheeling Township, Cook County, Illinois, to John Peters II and Clarissa Lucinda Countryman. When Daniel, as he was called, was but 17 months old, his father became a volunteer in the Union Army, Company K of the Eighty-eighth Illinois Infantry. The Battle of Stone River at Murfreesborough, Tennessee, left Daniel fatherless on December 31, 1862, ten weeks before his second birthday.

Two years later his mother married Gottlieb Zimmerman, and Uncle Conrad Countryman became Daniel's legal guardian. Daniel then received the $8.00 monthly pension until November of 1873 when the pension was increased to $10.00, which he received until his 16th birthday.

Gracie Florence, daughter of John Daniel Alfred Peters and Emma Neiswander, and first grandchild of Clarissa Lucinda (Countryman) Peters Zimmermann. Gracie was born about 1882 and did not survive infancy. Photo probably taken in Geneseo, Illinois.

Esther Lucinda, born about 1883, and Charles J., born 14 December 1885, children of John Daniel Alfred and Emma Peters. Photo probably taken in Geneseo, Illinois.

Mother Clarissa's Countryman family migrated to Yorktown Township, Henry County, in 1867. It is possible the Zimmermanns also left Wheeling at that time. Their new 120-acre farm was east of Hooppole. A few years later, in 1875, stepfather Gottlieb died, and Clarissa was again left with fatherless children. Daniel, now age 14, had the responsibility of helping his mother with six younger brothers and sisters, although it appears that Daniel did not go with the family to Rochelle, Ogle County, where they were at least by 1880.

The marriage of Daniel to Miss Emma A.

Flossie Ethel Adeline, fourth child of J.D.A. and Emma Peters, born 18 March 1888 in Henry County, Illinois.

Neucenvemder/Neswender/Neiswander took place in Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois, in 1881. Of Emma, we only know that she was born in Illinois. Four children were born to them.

(1) Gracie Florence died in infancy.

(2) Esther Lucinda was born about 1883 and died about 1919.

(3) Charles J. was born 14 December 1885 in Henry County, Illinois. In 1932 he and his wife were residing in Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin. One known son was John, who had a son Joseph.

(4) Flossie Ethel Adeline was born in Henry County on 18 March 1888. In 1900 at age 12 she was residing with her grandmother Clarissa and uncle Philip Zimmerman in Farmington Township, LaCrosse County, Wisconsin. It is believed her mother had died, as in 1899 her father remarried and was living in Marengo, McHenry County, Illinois. Flossie married Frank Tennant and was living in Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, in 1932.

by Lorraine Weick

PETERS, JOHN DANIEL ALFRED & MARY ETTA GORDON

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Daniel, of Clarissa (Countryman), of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

John Daniel Alfred Peters took a second wife, Mary Etta (Gordon) Campbell on 14 July 1899. A justice of the peace, W.A. Cristy, performed the ceremony at Woodstock, McHenry County, Illinois, with witnesses C.S. Robb and Theo. Hamer. Etta was born 7 July 1861 in Michigan City, Indiana, to James Gordon and Mary Anna Burns, who was born in Ireland. Both Daniel and Etta were residents of Marengo, McHenry County, at the time of their marriage, and were residing on a farm there on 1 June 1900 with Daniel's son Charles, age 14, and the three living of Etta's five children. Later in 1900 the family moved to a farm in Farmington Township, LaCrosse County, Wisconsin, near the little village of Burr Oak. Daniel adopted Etta's three children.

(1) Floyd was born 25 August 1894 in Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois. Floyd married Myrtle, daughter of Hans and Gertrude (Dunlevy) Hermanson, on 4 April 1928 in Black River Falls, Jackson County, Wisconsin. Myrtle was born about 1912 in Albion Township, Jackson County. They resided in Albion Township and later in Manchester Township. Floyd died 1 March 1948 from tuberculosis and pneumonia, and is buried at the Riverside Cemetery in Black River Falls. Some of their children were: *Ernest Hans* , married first Delores Larson (Sharon and Nancy), married second Gladys Gohde (Vicky, Sandra, Pamela), died in 1969, buried in Merrillan, Jackson County; *Richard John* ; *Joseph Floyd* , married Loretta Yahnke (Their three little girls, Fay, age 3, Juanita, age 2, and Patty, age 1, died in a house fire 21 March 1963. [*The Banner Journal* , 3–27–1963] Another child, Joseph, was born later.); *Cecil Ray* ; *James Hjelmer* , married Joan Collum (Dawn).

(2) Ralph was born in May 1896 in Illinois. He was residing in Manchester Township, Jackson County, Wisconsin, in 1932.

(3) Elsie May was born September 1897 in Marengo, McHenry County, Illinois. She was married to George F. Peters on 7 January 1913 in Melrose, Jackson County, at the Methodist Episcopal Church. George was born in 1892 in LaCrosse County to John C. and Ada (Wenzel) Peters. They resided in Cataract, Monroe County. Elsie was residing in Sparta, Monroe County, at the time of her marriage. Two of their children were: *Merlin Roger* , a Korean War veteran, killed in a car accident at age 27; and *Vivian Elaine* . Elsie died on 22 February 1937 at age 38 years 4 months 8 days of valvulus with gangrene at Black River Falls. She is buried in the Riverside Cemetery there. George was a farmer in Melrose.

Mary Etta died from tuberculosis at their home in SandCreek Valley, LaCrosse County, on 14 January 1912, at the age of 50 years 6 months and 7 days. She had been ill for a year. "Funeral services were held at the house . . . conducted by Rev. Clark [R.H. Clark, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Melrose], assisted by the choir in a song service. Burial was made in the Melrose Cemetery. . . . John Peters and children and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tennant desire to sincerely thank the neighbors and friends for their many acts of kindness and assistance rendered them during their recent bereavement." (*The Melrose Chronicle* , 1–26–1912) Etta had one sister, Mrs. Alice Ward of Marengo, Illinois. The Peters' home was located in Burns Township, LaCross County, with a mailing address of Mindoro, Wisconsin, in 1912.

by Lorraine Weick

PHILIPS, SALLY

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Sally (Philips) Countryman (12 December 1818–10 August 1893), wife of Daniel.

Sally, wife of Daniel, of John I, of John, of Conradt I.

Sally Philips was born December 12, 1818, in Danube, Stark County — now Danube County, New York, to Maria Dingman and Peter W. Philips. The Ogle County Directory states that Maria was born September 11, 1877, and died near Cleveland, Ohio, October 17, 1857. It would seem that the year of birth of 1877 must be incorrect. In 1783 Margaret Gardner and Peter Dingman's first-born child, Maria, was baptised on September 7th. This family may have been of Palatine origin. Absolute proof of the year of Maria's birth and who her parents were have not been proven. Peter W. Philips was born in Claverick, Columbia County, New York, September 03, 1785, and died January 16, 1837 at Lisle, Broome County, New York. Maria Dingman became the wife of Peter Philips on January 15, 1806.

Sally was an Illinois Prairie Pioneer, as she traveled to Ogle County, Illinois, in June 1855. She was a woman beloved by all who knew her, a true Christian woman, a loving mother, and a steadfast friend and neighbor. Sally died August 10, 1893, in Lynville Township, Ogle County, Illinois, and was buried in the Lindenwood Cemetery, Lindenwood, Illinois, next to her husband, Daniel Countryman, whom she married February 14, 1838. Also buried on the same lot are Daniel's brother Moses and his wife Mary Elizabeth Cooper. The two couples share the same monument, with their inscriptions on opposite sides.

In 1984 Janet (Countryman) Current sent to the Illinois State Genealogical Chapter all

documentation to prove that Daniel Countryman was a Prairie Pioneer, arriving in Ogle County in June 1855. All members of the Clare Alonzo Countryman family have received their certificates. Anyone interested in doing the same may write to the Illinois State Genealogical Society in Lincoln, Illinois.

by Janet (Countryman) Current

PHILLIPS - PRESGROVE

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The Wyoming Countrymans — Lillian, of Ethel (Countryman), of Charles Raynor.

On June 14, 1911, somewhere in a road camp between Roseburg and Prineville, Oregon, I, Lillian Phillips, was born. Mamma was cooking for the crew that worked on the road and took care of my birth by herself after she had made the lunches and seen the men off to work for the day. She put me in a horse collar for a bed and there's where I spent my first years. When I was nearly two, mamma took my sister and me to Lander, Wyoming.

After my father returned, he leased Indian allotments and we moved to a one-room cabin on the banks of Little Wind River. I was four years old when I had to go to school so there were enough children to justify for a school It was four miles to school; my sister and I walked and rode old Buck. We lived in the Dubois area, also Lenore.

I married Donald H. Presgrove in 1927 and we lived on the Hidden Valley Ranch on Dry Creek above Burris, Wyoming. We had vacationers, fishermen, hunters, and mountain climbers. There were four children born: Lillian Lenore, Donald Lawrence, Carrie Mae, and Norman Lee. After my divorce I moved to Lander, worked out for years, then started my boardinghouse to make a living and take care of my mother.

I now reside in Milton-Freewater, Oregon.

submitted by Carrie Maxey

PHILLIPS - SPRIGGS

F444

The Wyoming Countrymans — Fanchon, of Ethel (Countryman), of Charles Raynor.

Fanchon Muriel Phillips was the first child born to Ethel Mae (Countryman) Phillips and Lawrence Phillips. She attended schools in Alcova, Casper, Lenore, and Lander, Wyoming. She graduated in 1928 and taught the Alexander and Countryman schools. She was a lover of horses and raised pintos that were sold all over the U.S.

She married Dean V. Spriggs at the Roberts Mission, and they had two children, Ethel Fanchon and Dean Valle.

She was a good rider and was cowgirl for her folks. She acted as guide for Wilderness Ranch, also. Fanchon sold her ranch holdings and moved to Lander. She ran a boardinghouse for years.

In 1956 the doctors told her she had diabetes; she suffered on for 13 years. She was a double amputee, blind and paralyzed on her right side. She passed away August 12, 1980.

by Carrie Maxey

PHILLIPS, ETHEL (COUNTRYMAN)

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The Wyoming Countrymans — Ethel, of Charles Raynor.

Ethel was the oldest child of Anna and C.R. Countryman. She was born in Cheyenne, Wyoming, November 16, 1876. She had three brothers, Mark, Charles and Roscoe, and two sisters, Edna and Helen. She taught school at Alcova and Split Rock, and was a fine musician. She played the violin for the social functions of that day.

In 1907 she married Lawrence A. Phillips, a handsome, husky lad ten years her junior. On July 28, 1908, they became parents of a baby girl, named Fanchon Muriel. When Fanchon was a year old they hitched up the team and took off for Oregon. The followed the Oregon Trail, and if not on it, they made their own road through sage and rocks in the direction they wanted to go. They started their trip the last of April from Alcova, Wyoming, and arrived in Bandon, Oregon, in late October. Fish, deer, and sage hens were plentiful, and they lived off the land.

They reached Bandon where Lawrence's sister, Maud, and her husband Joe Popp lived. Joe was working on a road crew and got Lawrence a job. They were building a road between Roseburg and Prineville; for his labor and his team he received $4.00 a day, which was paid in gold. Ethel cooked for the road crew, two meals a day, and received 60¢ a day. Every payday they counted their gold, then stashed it in a Bull Durham tobacco sack. In those days eggs were 8 to 12¢ a dozen, milk was 10¢ a gallon, meat was 8 to 12¢ a pound.

On the 14th day of June came the arrival of Lillian Elizabeth, who was not expected for another month. Ethel sent the men off to work with their lunch pails, then got ready for the new arrival. She cleaned up a horse collar for the baby a bed. When the men arrived for supper they were surprised to find a new member to the crew and their supper waiting for them as usual.

In 1913 a little boy was born; he only lived three days. The doctor couldn't do anything for him. Ethel was sad at the loss and lonesome for her parents. They decided she should take Fanchon and Lillian and return to Lander, Wyoming.

Lawrence worked for two more years building roads. By this time he had another team and was geting paid $7.00 a day. He sold his teams and wagons and bought 36 head of heifers and shipped them to Riverton, Wyoming.

That was their start in the cattle business. Lawrence leased many Indian allotments and tribal land for pasture and he was the first settler to raise alfalfa and grain around Lenore, Wyoming, and on the Big Wind River. He bought teams and with ploughs he ploughed virgin acres and raised hay and grain.

The sagebrush was gathered by hand and piled to burn at night; nothing smells as good as sage burning. Later Lawrence bought 1,000 head of old ewes from Mrs. Lincoln Morrison for $1.10 a head. With good pasture they started the sheep business that finally grew into 5,000 head. Lawrence had a horse fall on him while working cows and broke his leg. While he was trying to walk again he built some cabins on Dinwoody Lake and called his tourist camp Wilderness Ranch. The ranch catered to fishermen, mountain climbers, and hunters.

After Lawrence died, Ethel began selling the stock and ranch holdings and cancelling many leases. She suffered with arthritis and turned the Wilderness Ranch over to Fanchon and her husband, Dean Spriggs. Ethel moved to Lander with her daughter Lillian, passing away December 28, 1958.

by Carrie Maxey

PICKERD, ISAAC & MAGDALENA (COUNTRYMAN)

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Magdalena, of George 1st, of Conrad 1st, of Johan Frederick.

Magdalena Countryman was the fifth child of the 11 children of George and Christina (Diefendorf) Countryman. She was born the 23rd of March 1771 and her baptism in May of that year is recorded in the Lutheran Church records of Stone Arabia, Montgomery County, New York. Her father, George, was a lieutenant during the Revolutionary War. In 1790 the family was living in Canajoharie Town, Montgomery County, New York. Their next door neighbor was a single man by the name of Isaac Pickerd.

On the 5th of February in 1793, Isaac Pickerd married Magdalena Countryman. This fact is recorded in Isaac's own hand in his Bible — written in the German language. Isaac, born the 7th of October 1762, was the son of John and Anna Rosina (Countryman) Pickerd. Anna Rosina was the sister of George 1st, so Isaac and Magdalena were first cousins. The marriage is said to have taken place at Palatine, New York.

Isaac was also a Revolutionary soldier, enlisting at the age of 15 years and 11 months. He held the rank of private during his service over a period of three years, and was a drummer under the command of Captain Jacob Diefendorf and others. His father, John Pickerd, was a quartermaster during the war, and on the 4th of May 1783 died of wounds received during the war.

Isaac and Magdalena had ten children all together. Two of these, a boy and a girl, died at birth or shortly thereafter. The children are as follows: (1) Christina, born 28 April 1794; (2) John, born 7 January 1796, died 1847; (3) Anna, born 24 March 1798, died 10 September 1864, married David Moyer; (4) "a daughter," stillborn 3 February 1800; (5) Maria, born 17 May 1801; (6) Isaac, born 7 May 1804, died 1862, married Anna Saunders; (7) Magdalena, born 12 January 1806, died 2 January 1848, married John N. Snyder; (8) Jacob, born 8 May 1809, died 28 August 1884, married Mary Bettinger; (9) "a son," born 16 November 1811, died 18 January 1812; and (10) Lisabet, born 13 June 1813.

Isaac and Magdalena probably lived in Minden, Montgomery County, New York, most of their married life. In 1834 Isaac, then age 72, applied for and received a pension for

his services in the Revolutionary War. Shortly thereafter, the family and several of the married children moved to Schroeppel, Oswego County, New York. Isaac died in Schroeppel the 26th of April 1843. In August of that year his wife, Magdalena, applied for a widow's pension. At that time she was living in Schroeppel, about one-half mile from her son Isaac. The families of her daughter Anna and sons Isaac and Jacob are buried in Sand Ridge Cemetery, Oswego County, New York. Magdalena died the 23rd of April 1854. She and Isaac are buried in Pine Plains Cemetery, Clay, Onondaga County, New York.

The writer is a descendant of David and Anna (Pickerd) Moyer.

by Marjorie Moyer Strum

PYKE, HARVEY & FLORENCE EVELYN (COUNTRYMAN)

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A newspaper photo of Florence and Harvey Pyke.

The Candian Countrymans — Florence, of Hugh, of Bernard, of Barney, of William, of Jacob II, of Jacob I, of Conrad, of Johan Fredrick.

Florence Evelyn, daughter of Hugh and Luella May (Bradford) Countryman, was born in an old farm house on November 23, 1916, at North Channel, Ontario. My father did day work for the farmers and worked on construction of the grain elevator at Prescott, Ontario. We moved to Johnston where my brother Milford was born. We attended Johnston school. Times were hard during the Depression. My younger brother Milford and I used to take the old boat out on the river to pick up driftwood to serve as firewood. Occasionally the boat was so full with driftwood that waves would wash over the sides. After school, Milford and I would take the one-horse wagon and draw in hay. As we did not have a horse, we took turns being the horse while the other pushed the wagon.

My mother had three boarders (two from Switzerland and one from Finland) who worked at the grain elevators. One night they were washing their feet in the big wash tub at the back of the house. It was my job to clean and fill the lamps with coal oil. I poured some coal oil in the wash tub before the boarders washed their feet. This mishap sure caused a row in the house.

I moved to Brockville at a young age to do house work for Dr. and Mrs. Emily Carroll for $2.50 a week. In 1934 Mrs. Carroll gave me a string of gold beads, a bracelet, and a daily prayer book inscribed "With much love to Florence Countryman." I still have the book.

In 1936 I married Harvey Allan Pyke and moved to Avondale farm. We had five children that included two sets of twins. Lloyd and Lorraine were born on December 13, 1937. Lloyd died in a car accident on July 2, 1967. The third child, Mereland Gwendalyn, was born on March 5, 1939. Twins Clara and Florence were born on April 2, 1944. Florence died during childbirth.

In 1948 Harvey and I moved to Brockville, Ontario, where we still reside. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on September 4, 1986.

by Florence (Countryman) Pyke

QUINN, MARGARET (COUNTRYMAN)

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Margaret (Countryman) Payne (later Mrs. Frank Quinn) with one of her three children (Jeff, Rosie, or Lydia), Marysville, California, 1869–70.

Margaret (Countryman) Payne Quinn

Margaret, of Horace, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Margaret Countryman, daughter of Horace and Elizabeth (Payne) Countryman, was born August 29, 1844, in Cleveland, Ohio, and was a young girl when they moved by covered wagon to California. She was married in Marysville, California, in 1865 to John Payne, and became the mother of Jefferson, Rosie, and Lydia Payne. When she lost her husband, she came to Columbus, Montana, with her folks in 1875. Ten years later she married Frank Quinn.

Horace Countryman established his ranch, stagecoach stop, and trading post three miles west of town in 1875. Some three months earlier a prospector and miner named Frank Quinn had looked this area over and selected a spot of land which was shortly to become what is still known as the "Old Quinn Ranch," adjoining the first Countryman spread. Mr Quinn was born in County Cork, Ireland, in 1839, and was a young man when he adopted America as his home.

Quinn spent a few years in New York, but gradually drifted west and located in Butte, Montana. Here he was in partnership with Marcus Daly in the operation of two of the highest producing mines in the area. He was "in the chips" until legal entanglements utilized most of his assets, and he sold out at a good figure rather than face complete bankruptcy. From then on his mining ventures got worse and worse and he settled on his ranch with a nice herd of cows and horses and some primitive machinery as his worldy wealth. He had lost a leg in an accident in his middle years, which handicapped his work on the farm, so he built a home in Columbus and was operating a livery barn when he died, March 9, 1905.

Margaret was the first white woman to be married on the land that is now Columbus. The event was solemnized in the Old Log Hotel. Walter, Violet, and Frank, Jr., were born to the Quinns. Following Frank's death, the widow operated a boarding house and directed operations of the ranch until she died in the Columbus Hospital in August 1917.

Violet Quinn

Miss Violet Quinn was born on the family ranch west of Columbus, Montana, November 10, 1888, and got all her schooling in Columbus. She was attending high school in 1906 when she changed courses and married Ernest Gunn at her ranch home. She gave him two sons, Harold and Cecil. After losing her husband, "Vie" helped operate a cafe in Columbus and married a second time, selecting John Altop as her husband. When this pair separated, Mrs. Altop went to Billings where she spent most of her working days as manager of the Owl Hotel, and a small cafe in connection.

Her second husband, John Altop, was not only a good stone worker and construction man, but also an ardent fisherman. In the winter months he spent most of his spare time on the Yellowstone, and came in with heavy catches of white fish. Fellow Isaac Waltons started calling him the "Johnner" and the finned victims of his skill were referred to locally as "Johns."

—from *They Gazed on the Beartooths* by Jim Annin

Walter Quinn

Walter, the older son of Frank and Margaret (Countryman) Quinn, was born in the Old Log Hotel in Columbus on January 20, 1887,

and received all his schooling in Columbus. As a young man he helped in the operation of the livery barn, and then took over the working of the old homestead. He followed the footsteps of his Dad by raising a fine herd of cattle and winter hay supply to supplement the open range of Keyser and Berry Creeks. When the hard winter of 1919–1920 hit, "Walt" weathered it as well as he could, but finally sold his string of cows, and moved to Columbus. For a while, he and Mrs. Quinn managed the Beartooth dude ranch. Then Mr. Quinn joined the county road crews as a district supervisor for eight years. After that he decided to go into business for himself and bought the building in Absarokee where the Stockman Bar and Cafe was located. He was operating this business when he died suddenly on Thanksgiving Day, 1945. While in Columbus, "Walt" was a member and squad captain of the Columbus Fire Department and vice president of the local Rod and Gun Club.

Mrs. Quinn was born Florence Wilson in Eugene, Oregon, October 31, 1889, and was a wisp of a girl when the John Wilsons came to make their home in Columbus. "Flossie" attended the local schools and was a member of the second class to graduate from Columbus High. On October 7, 1910, she married Walter Quinn at Livingston, Montana. They had one daughter, Atha (Mrs. Frank Cook). Mrs. Quinn sold the business, after Walt's death, but retained and leases the building where she presently lives.

—from *They Gazed on the Beartooths* by Jim Annin

submitted by Ardell Countryman

REEVES, REBECCA (COUNTRYMAN)

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Left to right: Hattie D. and Becky Countryman, from a tintype taken about 1870 in Montana.

Rebecca (Countryman) Lambert Reeves

Rebecca, of Horace, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of John Fredreich.

Rebecca (Countryman) Reeves, daughter of Horace and Elizabeth (Payne) Countryman, was born September 2, 1861, in a covered wagon while the train was making a trek from Iowa to California with Horace's parents and brothers.

This story taken from *They Gazed on the Beartooths* by Jim Annin:

Very few women can claim an earlier association with Stillwater County than did Rebecca (Countryman) Reeves, who was with the Horace Countryman family when they first hit the Yellowstone three miles west of Columbus in 1875.

She had one son, Horace, by her first husband, Howard Lambert. As a widow she was wed for a second time to Bill Reeves and had two more sons, Henry and Howard Reeves.

Mrs. Reeves was the first girl of the area to finish a course at St. Vincent's Academy in Helena. She helped her parents, as Mrs. Lambert, until they turned over the management of the Old Log Hotel, and then moved onto a ranch on the reservation. She finally filed homestead rights on the West Rosebud, where she had been living until her death, at Fishtail, August 22, 1931. "Aunt Becky" was known as one of the kindest, most generous, most hospitable of any of the ladies of her day.

The writer had a soft spot in his heart for "Aunt Becky," on whose ranch he used to camp as a kid, and every Christmas for nine years found a gift box from her with wild raspberry, chokecherry, and huckleberry jam, of which none was ever made so deliciously and in such abundant quantity gift packs.

Horace Lambert

The first white child to be born in the present town of Columbus, Montana, was "Aunt Becky's" son, Horace Lambert, arriving in this minute village November 29, 1881. He was a cowboy for some of the valley stockmen for a few years, then helped on the Rosebud ranch until he enlisted in the service as an infantryman with the 91st Division in World War I. He was wounded and gassed in the Argonne in October 1918. He worked in Laurel, Montana, after his return, and died there on Decoration Day 1931.

by Ardell Countryman

REID – MASONHOLDER

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Charlotte, of Rosalie (Johnson), of Clyde, of Olivia (Vaughn), of Nancy Ann (Countryman), of John C., of Conrad 3, of Conrad 2, of Conrad 1.

Charlotte (Reid) Masonholder, the third daughter of Richard and Rosalie (Johnson) Reid, was born near Letts, Iowa, on the farm of Henry Masonholder on October 24, 1941. She grew up on a farm near Columbus Junction, Iowa. She attended Fredonia Independent Elementary School and graduated from eighth grade in May 1955. She graduated from Columbus Community High School in May 1959. She went to live with her sister Darlene in Chicago and worked for six months at the Federal Reserve Bank as an IBM proof machine operator.

Back row, left to right: Ross Lamont Masonholder, son; Barbara Lynn, Ross's wife; and Rebecca Sue, daughter. Front row: Ronald Lamont Masonholder and Charlotte (Reid) Masonholder. Taken in June 1985 before Ross and Barb left for New Orleans.

During her junior year of high school, she asked a fellow classmate to one of her girl friend's private hayride. Because of an Asian flu epidemic, the hayride was cancelled. The young man, Ronald Lamont Masonholder, decided to ask her next. They attended many shows and school events, becoming close friends. On a snowy Sunday, January 17, 1960, they were married. Ronald is the first son of Guy Ross Masonholder and Wilma M. Dicks, who have lived in Columbus Junction, Iowa, for many years. They lived for three months in an apartment over a tavern in Columbus Junction, until he volunteered to serve in the U.S. Navy. While he was in boot camp at Great Lakes Naval Base near Chicago, she lived with his parents.

Throughout the four years of naval service, she was able to live close to each base (Millington, Tennessee, and Oak Harbor, Washington). During these years, to them was born a son, Ross Lamont Masonholder, on January 6, 1962. She worked at the naval exchange on the base as a sales clerk, and later at a bank in Oak Harbor as an IBM proof machine operator. When he was discharged, they returned to Columbus Junction, Iowa. There, they rented a home from Carl Stephens on Fourth Street for a year. Next, they bought a large two-story home on Second Street in March 1965. While living in Columbus Junction, he worked as a car mechanic for the Ford dealership and she worked as a receptionist-bookkeeper for Smithcraft, Inc., and as a factory worker for Sheller-Globe in Iowa City, Iowa. During

these years, to them was born a daughter, Rebecca Sue Masonholder, on October 8, 1966.

In March 1970 they moved near Peoria, Illinois, to become closer to the Church of God. He began working as a gas/diesel truck mechanic for a cartage company in Chillicothe, Illinois. Eventually the Ford dealership asked him to work for them until it went bankrupt. They lived in several rented homes until buying a home south of Chillicothe, Illinois, in March 1975. They now (1986) live in this Chillicothe home.

During the summer of 1974, Charlotte was given a grant and Illinois scholarships to return to school She entered Bradley University in Peoria in August of 1974. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree, having a double major in elementary education and special education, on December 23, 1977. While working full-time for a private school with behavior disorder students and later for Peoria Public Schools with learning disabled students, she completed the course work and graduated from Bradley University with a Master of Arts degree in educational administration on December 20, 1980.

Ross Lamont, son of Ronald L. and Charlotte Masonholder, attended kindergarten, first, and second grades in Columbus Junction, Iowa. He attended third and fourth grades at Edelstein, Illinois. Because of some unexplained learning difficulties, he remained at home during his fifth year. He and his mother worked dilligently every day until he was able to read without problems. He reentered Edelstein a much improved student. In May 1980 he graduated from I.V.C.H.S., Chillocothe, Illinois. He worked after high school as a prep cook and later as a window washer. He married Barbara Lynn Swolley in Morton, Illinois, on May 3, 1985. They now (1986) reside in Davenport, Iowa, and both attend Scott Community College, working for an A.A. in computer science.

Rebecca Sue Masonholder, daughter of Ronald and Charlotte Masonholder, attended Edelstein and Rome, Illinois, grade schools. In May 1985 she graduated from I.V.C.H.S., Chillicothe, Illinois. Throughout her school years, she said she wanted to become a doctor, veterinarian, or nurse. She presently (1986) attends Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisconsin, working on a B.S. in nursing.

by Charlotte (Reid) Masonholder

REID, ABIGAIL

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Abigail, of Rosalie (Johnson), of Clyde, of Olivia (Vaughn), of Nancy Ann (Countryman), of John C., of Conrad 3, of Conrad 2, of Conrad 1.

Abigail "Abby," the sixth daughter of Rosalie (Johnson) and Richard Reid, was born August 25, 1954, at the Muscatine Hospital, Muscatine, Iowa. She received her schooling in the Columbus Community Schools, and finished her high school and received her diploma after she was married, taking her courses at Muscatine Community College.

She married Paul Michael Dickey September 9, 1972. Paul, the son of Chester and Norma (Satterwaite) Dickey, was born July 24, 1950. They farmed in Cedar County, Iowa, a few years and had dairy cows.

Taking more schooling at Scott Community College in Davenport, Iowa, Abby received a degree in computer operations. She worked for the city of Davenport while teaching classes at the college.

Abby and Paul have three sons: Matthew Travis, born February 21, 1973, at Mercy Hospital, Iowa City, Iowa; Paul Michael, born May 10, 1977, Iowa City, Iowa; and Dallas John, born April 16, 1978, Iowa City, Iowa.

by Rosalie (Johnson) Reid

REID, DALLAS MICHEAL

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Dallas, of Rosalie (Johnson), of Clyde, of Olivia (Vaughn), of Nancy Ann (Countryman), of John C., of Conrad 3, of Conrad 2, of Conrad 1.

Dallas "Mike" Reid, fourth son of Rosalie (Johnson) and Richard Reid, born April 5, 1948, received his schooling at Fredonia and Columb us Community school. He graduated in the spring of 1966. Before being drafted into the army, he worked in a machine shop at Muscatine, Iowa. He was drafted in February 1968 and stationed at Fort Polk, Louisiana. He served combat duty at South Vietnam. He was maintenance electrician on star lite scopes and mine dectectors, and was promoted from private to SP/5. He finished his tour of duty at Fort Campbell, Tennessee.

Mike was married to Nancy Elaine Seering, daughter of Lois (Parker) and Roland Seering, on July 10, 1970. Nancy was born June 12, 1950. They had two children: Aaron Louis, born in Tennessee, January 12, 1971; and Kimberly Leanne, born at Iowa City, Iowa, December 28, 1973. They were divorced November 12, 1979. His second marriage was to Carol Lea (McKillip) Mucha on May 19, 1982.

by Rosalie (Johnson) Reid

REID, DARLENE

F453

Darlene, of Rosalie (Johnson), of Clyde, of Olivia (Vaughn), of Nancy Ann (Countryman), of John C., of Conrad 3, of Conrad 2, of Conrad 1.

Darlene (Reid) Hyde, daughter of Rosalie (Johnson) and Richard Reid, moved with her parents to Columbus Junction, Iowa, when she was six years old. She received her education in the Fredonia and Columbus Junction schools, graduating in the spring of 1956. She took more schooling in Minnesota, then worked for the Burlington Railroad in Chicago.

She was married to Sherman O. Hyde October 14, 1957, at Atlanta, Georgia. After living in Chicago for awhile, she moved to Davenport, Iowa, where she raised her family. She had been employed at Struthers-Dunn, Inc., of Bettendorf, Iowa, before getting ill with cancer. Darlene died May 2, 1984, at Davenport. She was buried at the Indian Creek Cemetery near Columbus Junction, Iowa.

Darlene is survived by her four children: Sherman Odell, born May 4, 1960, at Muscatine, Iowa; Monica Lynn, born April 23, 1961, at Davenport, Iowa; Scott Odell, born February 20, 1965; and Randolph Odell, born September 24, 1966. Sherman married Linda Diane Payne at Davenport, Iowa, December 1, 1979, and they have one child, Lisa Ranee, born July 23, 1981. Monica married Peter Seitz at Davenport, Iowa, April 14, 1984. They have three children: Rachel Lynn, born August 6, 1981; Peter Matthew, born November 4, 1982; and David Joseph Allen, born February 16, 1984.

by Rosalie (Johnson) Reid

REID, JANET MARIE

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Janet, of Rosalie (Johnson), of Clyde, of Olivia (Vaughn), of Nancy Ann (Countryman), of John C., of Conrad 3, of Conrad 2, of Conrad 1.

Janet Marie, fourth daughter of Rosalie (Johnson) and Richard Reid, was born May 15, 1947, at Muscatine Hospital, Muscatine, Iowa. She received her schooling at the Fredonia and Columbus Junction, Iowa, schools, graduating in the spring of 1965.

After graduation, on June 27, 1965, she was married to Garry Dean Idle, son of Clifford and Ruth (Tappan) Idle. They were divorced June 26, 1970. Three children were born to them: twins, Amy Marie and Garry Dean, born November 21, 1967, Washington, Iowa; and Jeffery Alan, born August 5, 1969, Washington, Iowa.

On October 17, 1970, Janet married Douglas Williams, son of Alfred and Lorena (Anderson) Williams. One daughter, Jennifer Renee, was born May 5, 1971, at Washington, Iowa. They were divorced.

by Rosalie (Johnson) Reid

REID, LEE "ANDY"

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Lee, of Rosalie (Johnson), of Clyde, of Olivia (Vaughn), of Nancy Ann (Countryman), of John C., of Conrad 3, of Conrad 2, of Conrad 1.

Lee "Andy" Reid, the second son of Rosalie (Johnson) and Richard Reid, was born March 25, 1945, at his parents' home in Louisa County, Iowa. He had his schooling in the Fredonia and Columbus Junction, Iowa, schools, graduating in the spring of 1962. After graduation he enlisted in the navy, serving until 1968. He then re-enlisted for two more years to take up nuclear schooling at Idaho Falls, Idaho. His combat duty was served off the coast of Vietnam on the USS *Enterprise* . His training camps were at San Diego, California; Memphis, Tennessee; and Oak Harbor, Washington.

Andy met his wife when stationed at Idaho Falls, Idaho. Linda Robin Storer, born October 11, 1948, is the daughter of Willard and Jane Freelove (Andrus) Storer. They were married in Idaho Falls June 10, 1966, and make their home near Black Foot, Idaho. He is still in the nuclear field of work, being

employed in different parts of the country.

Their family has three sons and two daughters. Barbara Jane was born February 4, 1969, at Redwood City, California. She died at birth and was buried at Idaho Falls Rose Hill Cemetery. Allen Lee was born July 31, 1970, at Idaho Falls, Bonneville County, Idaho. Matthew Lee was born November 28, 1972, at Morrison, Illinois. Sarah Ann was born February 9, 1976, at Morrison, Illinois. Mark Lee was born November 23, 1980, at Idaho Falls, Idaho.

by Rosalie (Johnson) Reid

REID, LELAND

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Leland, of Rosalie (Johnson), of Clyde, of Olivia (Vaughn), of Nancy (Countryman), of John C., of Conrad 3, of Conrad 2, of Conrad 1.

Leland, third son of Rosalie (Johnson) and Richard Reid, received his education in the Fredonia and Columbus Junction, Iowa, schools. After graduation he entered the navy, taking electronics. After the service, he was employed by United Airlines in California, and was later transferred to O'Hare Airport in Illinois.

Leland married Gloria Hernandez October 9, 1965, at Port Townsend, Washington. Their children are: Richard Lloyd, born September 26, 1966, Washington state; Rosalie Kathrin, born July 19, 1968, Washington; Jeri Mae, born July 4, 1970, California; and Rachelle Ann, born October 23, 1972, Illinois.

by Rosalie (Johnson) Reid

REID, LYLE BRUCE & KATHERINE (HOSTETTER)

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Bruce, of Rosalie (Johnson), of Clyde, of Olivia (Vaughn), of Nancy Ann (Countryman), of John C., of Conrad 3, of Conrad 2, of Conrad 1.

Rosalie (Johnson) Reid and Richard R. Reid had 12 children, one of whom is Lyle Bruce Reid, born January 27, 1950, at Muscatine, Iowa. Bruce, as he is called by his family, lived and went to school in Columbus Junction, Iowa. He graduated from Columbus Junction High School in 1968.

On June 18, 1969, Bruce was drafted into the United States Army. His basic training was at Fort Polk, Louisiana. Other training was taken at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Fort Benning, Georgia; and Fort Lee, Virginia. At Fort Lee, Bruce re-enlisted on February 19, 1970, for three more years. His overseas duty was in Okinawa and he was also involved in Indochina in the Vietnam War. During this time he became a Green Beret in the 5th Special Forces. His rank was specialist 4. After Bruce's overseas duty, his home was at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, home of the Green Berets.

While in the army, Bruce met Katherine

Nathan Shane Reid, age 12, and Steven Paul Reid, age 1½, sons of Kathy and Lyle Bruce Reid. Taken in February 1985.

Ann Hostetter from Morning Sun, Iowa. She was born July 10, 1952, at Centerville, Iowa, to Paul Lamarr (born April 13, 1922) and Georgianna (Ward) Hostetter (born July 26, 1925). Lyle Bruce Reid and Katherine Ann Hostetter were married April 10, 1972, in Wapello, Iowa.

Still in the army, their first home was a trailer in Fayetteville, North Carolina. On August 31, 1972, Nathan Shane Reid was born at Womack Army Hospital, Fayetteville, North Carolina. February 21, 1973, Bruce was honorably discharged from the army and they came home to southeast Iowa. Since then they have lived in small Iowa towns of Ainsworth, Letts, Winfield, and Wapello. Nathan entered Wapello School in August 1977. Nathan is now 13 years old and in the seventh grade.

Bruce has worked at Grain Processing Corporation in Muscatine, Iowa, for nine years.

Steven Paul Reid was born August 2, 1983, at Burlington Medical Center, Burlington, Iowa. He is now two years old and residing in Wapello, Iowa, with his brother Nathan and his parents, Bruce and Kathy Reid.

by Katherine A. Reid

REID, RANDY

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Randy, of Rosalie (Johnson), of Clyde, of Olivia (Vaughn), of Nancy Ann (Countryman), of John C., of Conrad 3, of Conrad 2, of Conrad 1.

Randy Craig Reid, sixth son of Rosalie (Johnson) and Richard Reid, was born February 24, 1953, at Muscatine Hospital, Muscatine, Iowa. He received his schooling in the Columbus Community Schools, graduating in the spring of 1971. Randy was on the wrestling team during his high school years. He lettered three years and was named an outstanding wrestler at the Solon tournament. He worked at different places after school.

Randy married Terri Lavon Coberly March 25, 1972, at Morning Sun, Iowa. Terri, a daughter of Kenneth and Garnet (Bozarth) Coberly, was born December 1, 1952. Children of Randy and Terri are: Sonya Von, born September 9, 1973; Jason Craig, born September 21, 1980, at Burlington, Iowa; and Amber Lynn, born Dcember 12, 1984, at Libertyville, Illinois.

by Rosalie (Johnson) Reid

REID, RICHARD & ROSALIE (JOHNSON)

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Richard and Rosalie Reid, taken for their 50th wedding anniversary, August 1985.

Rosalie, of Clyde, of Olivia, of Nancy Ann (Countryman), of John C., of Conrad 3, of Conrad 2, of Conrad 1.

Rosalie Johnson was born June 17, 1918, at Rock Island, Illinois, the daughter of Clyde and Emma A. (Mitchell) Johnson. She was married August 31, 1935, in Illinois to Richard R. Reid. He was the son of David Thomas and Margaret Lydia (Wheeler) Reid, and was born October 23, 1915, in Grandview Township, Louisa County, Iowa. After their marriage Richard worked for other farmers until buying their 114-acre farm located along the Iowa River east of Columbus Junction, Iowa, in March 1944. Now retired, they still live on the farm and rent the land to another farmer.

Rosalie had six brothers and three sisters when growing to womanhood, and there were many happy times they all remember. They all liked to sing and play some musical instrument, as there wasn't much entertainment in those days. There were many family get-togethers and reunions while the parents were living. Rosalie attended many schools throughout her school age years, giving up schooling in the eighth grade to help with the

husking of corn and to help her parents in their home.

Rosalie and Richard raised 12 children, six daughters and six sons. The first-born son died at birth. They had their schooling in the Columbus Junction schools, all graduating and most going on to continue their education in other schools. The sons entered the military service, the army and navy.

Darlene was born in Muscatine County, Iowa, October 12, 1938. Rosalie Ann was born in Muscatine County, Iowa, June 2, 1940. Charlotte was born in Muscatine County, Iowa, October 24, 1941. Richard Dwayne was born in Muscatine County August 14, 1943. Lee was born in Louisa County, Iowa, March 25, 1945. Leland was born in Louisa County March 9, 1946. Janet Marie was born in Muscatine County, Iowa, May 15, 1947. Dallas Micheal was born in Muscatine County April 5, 1948. Lyle Bruce was born in Muscatine County January 27, 1950. Christal Lynn was born in Muscatine County November 20, 1951. Randy Craig was born in Muscatine County February 24, 1953. Abigail was born in Muscatine August 25, 1954.

by Rosalie (Johnson) Reid

REID, ROSALIE ANN

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A reunion picture taken in 1982. Seated in the foreground are Rosalie Ann (Reid) Honts, left, and Darlene (Reid) Hyde, right. In the background are Jessica Arthur, standing, and Monica Lynn Hyde, daughter of Darlene, sitting.

Rosalie Ann, of Rosalie (Johnson), of Clyde, of Olivia (Vaughn), of Nancy Ann (Countryman), ofJohn C., of Conrad 3, of Conrad 2, of Conrad 1.

Rosalie Ann was born near Letts, Muscatine County, Iowa, June 2, 1940. When she was four years old, she and her two sisters, Darlene and Charlotte, and her brother, Richard D., moved with their parents to the farm that they had purchased in Louisa County, east of Columbus Junction, Iowa.

She began her schooling at Fredonia and then attended Columbus Community School until she graduated in May 1957. She was chosen queen of the school in her sophomore year. She held reign for one year. After graduating, she lived in Muscatine, Iowa, and was employed at the Woolworth dime store.

On December 6, 1958, she and Gary Leon Honts were married at Biloxi, Mississippi. He was the son of Kermit Virgil and Laura Nellie (Westerman) Honts. He was born January 5, 1939, entered the Air Force in 1958, and was at Biloxi for his training.

Their daughter Cindy Ann was born February 23, 1959, at Biloxi. They were transferred to March Air Force Base in California. Ann and Cindy Ann lived with her parents until June, when they moved to Edgemont, California, to be near the base.

On March 15, 1960, twin sons, Terry Jay and Larry Joe, were born at Riverside, California. Their Grandmother Honts made a journey out to their home and helped with the twins, returning with the family when the twins were just a few days old. Ann and the twins and Cindy Ann stayed with Ann's parents while Gary was stationed in Greenland for a year.

In 1961 they made a move to Glendale, Arizona, living there one year and three months. He was at Lukes Air Force Base. In July 1962 they were transferred to Las Vegas, Nevada, at Nellis Air Force Base. They were living at Las Vegas when their son Perry Jon was born December 2, 1962. Ann and the children remained there while Gary had a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1966.

While Gary was in Vietnam, his father died at Davenport, Iowa, February 5, 1967. His mother passed away in the following year on July 16, 1968, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The parents are buried at Conesville Cemetery, Conesville, Iowa. Gary had duty in Okinawa Taiwan for two years. Ann and the children lived at Las Vegas and they attended North Ninth elementary school.

When Gary returned from Okinawa they were transferred to Grand Forks, North Dakota. They lived at Larimore, South Dakota. The children attended the Larimore School through seventh grade. They came back to Iowa in the fall of 1972 before going overseas, where they lived in the town of Bilyoven, Holland. There the children attended school on the base through eighth grade. Cindy Ann, Terry Jay and Larry Joe then went to the AFCENT high school at Brunssum, Holland, through eleventh grade, living at the dormitory at Brunssum. While Ann lived in Holland she and her children made friends with the Dutch people. One older Dutch lady she called Grandma Ann would go to the flea markets with her, and show Ann where the bargains were.

In July 1976 Ann and the children came back to Iowa, living in rural Nichols, Iowa, where she had a garden and raised strawberries and flowers that she enjoyed very much. Ann was employed at K-Mart store in Iowa City, Iowa, for three years. Cindy Ann, Terry Jay, and Larry Joe graduated from West Liberty High School at West Liberty, Iowa. Ann is now employed at Oral B Laboratories in Iowa City. She was divorced February 14, 1979. She has her own home and her hobbies are fancy work, crocheting, and going shopping at the K-Mart store in Iowa City.

Cindy Ann was married to Daniel Morris Jones at Iowa City, Iowa, October 7, 1980. He is a son of Morris Lloyd and Sarah Ann (Lagoo) Jones. He was born July 22, 1958, at Aberdeen, South Dakota. Cindy is employed at Oral B Laboratories and Dan at the Oakdale Correction Center, Iowa City. Dan has two brothers, David Lloyd and Donald Allen, who is married to Shelly Sauer and has a son, Shaun Morris.

Terry Jay lives at Nichols, Iowa. He and his wife Cheryl were married July 28, 1979, at the Nichols Christian Church. She is the daughter of Arland C. and Sharon Rae (Ellsworth) Brown, and was born July 14, 1960. They have two sons, Jesse Dean, born December 12, 1983, and Michael Jay, born April 12, 1985, at Iowa City, Iowa.

Larry Joe lives at Coralville, Iowa. He married Sherrie Sue Serocy March 16, 1985, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Sherrie is the daughter of Richard Emil and Avis Lorene (Rich) Serocy. She was born May 25, 1963. They are employed at National Computer Systems, Iowa City, Iowa.

Perry Jon attended the West Liberty school and later lived in the state of Oregon and then moved to Nevada where he lives near his father.

by Rosalie (Johnson) Reid

RHODES - BRYANT

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Kay Tidey and Bruce S. Rhodes, taken on their wedding day.

My Family

Ronna, of Kay (Tidey), of Chester, of Emmaline (Countryman), of William, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Friedrich.

My Mom, who was born Mildred Tidey 28 March 1917 at Dowajiac, Cass County, Michigan, as a very small girl adopted the name Katherine. In a few years it had been shortened to "Kay." She attended school as Kay Tidey and graduated at the close of the Depression from Kalamazoo Central High School. She was employed by the Walgreen Drug Company in Kalamazoo.

Late in 1941 she met and dated Bruce

The Bryant family. Standing: Ronna K. Seated: Chris, Charlie, and Pete Bryant.

Stanley Rhodes, the man who was to become my father. Bruce was born 9 March 1920 in Kalamazoo, Michigan, the son of Ralph D. and Ruth M. (Allison) Rhodes. It was during World War II and he was working for the Defense Department in Fort Wayne, Indiana, at Bear Field. Apparently he was planning ahead, and applied for married housing, knowing it would take at least a year to become available. To his and my mother's surprise, they were married and within two weeks living in Fort Wayne. It was Easter Sunday, 5 April 1942, when they were married in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

They spent nearly three years in Fort Wayne, during which time I was born on 27 June 1945. Following the war, they returned to Kalamazoo and my father went into construction work. He worked as a pipefitter and steamfitter for many years in the Kalamazoo area. One of his biggest construction jobs was building our house, with a lot of help from my mother. They first dug the basement, using a slip scraper and my grandfather Rhodes' team of horses. That was only the beginning, but eventually there was to be the house I grew up in, situated on 20 acres west of Kalamazoo.

As an only child, I often think now of the large family my great-grandmother Emmaline (Countryman) Tidey raised. I probably shared a lot of the same experiences as her children, despite the time span between our ages. I attended a one-room country school through the sixth grade, and spent many summer afternoons looking for arrowheads and Indian beads in the sandy soil near my home. Pottawattomie Indians had lived there long ago. At one time or another we had livestock — chickens, pigs, a Holstein steer, two horses. As a family we enjoyed fishing, and hunting the elusive morel mushroom in the neighboring woods.

I graduated from high school in Paw Paw, Michigan, and received a B.A. with a secondary teaching certificate from Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, in 1968. On 22 August 1964 I was married to Charles Peterson "Pete" Bryant in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Pete was born 25 May 1940 in Sampson County, North Carolina, and is the son of Edwin Morris and Rossie Jane (Weeks) Bryant. He has B.S. and M.S. degrees from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, and a Ph.D. in chemistry from Wayne State University, Detroit. We have two sons, Charles Preston, born 11 May 1969, Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, and Christian Eric, born 20 January 1972, Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

My interest in genealogy is only natural, given my parents' interest in history and family traditions. From both sides I have a rich heritage of interesting ancestors and anecdotal stories. The Countrymans are probably the most interesting of all those histories. These stories are a precious gift to our children. May they continue our love of discovery and family.

by Ronna K. Bryant

RHUE - JONES

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Esther (Rhue) and Clayton Jones celebrating their Golden Anniversary, 1924–1974.

Esther, of Maybelle (Countryman), of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

I, Esther (Rhue) Jones, daughter of Maybelle (Countryman) and Robert J. Rhue, Sr., was born September 23, 1903, 5½ miles southeast of Moville, Iowa. I was followed by brothers Robert J., Jr., born December 30, 1904; Charles Andrew, born February 13, 1906; and Delbert Lee, born July 23, 1918. Delbert passed away in September 1937.

After about 13 years of farming, our dad had the opportunity to buy the Frank Taylor Meat Market in Moville, Iowa. My parents had a farm sale, moving into town in December of 1915.

I met Clayton Jones in about 1920. He was a senior and I was a freshman. Clayton was the only child of Walter Marion and Martha Janett (Van Norman) Jones. He was born April 5, 1900, 4¾ miles northwest of Moville, Iowa, on his grandparents' (Thomas F. and Sarah Scott Jones) farm, now the home of the Ray Johnsons. In a short time the family bought their own farm ¾ mile south of the Tom Jones farm. Clayton inherited the place after the death of his parents. We lived there 21 years, later selling ten acres, house, and buildings to Leonard and Gladys Petersen. Leonard later passed away and our land is being farmed by their older son, Joe, and his wife, Debbie (Montange), my grandniece. They live a short way north of our farm, on what used to be known as the Eldridge farm, owned now by the Petersens.

Clayton graduated from high school in 1920 and I in 1923. Clayton's class was a small one. After graduation he went to college at Ames, Iowa, for a while. He then went into farming with his father and attended two winter terms at N.B.T. college in Sioux City, Iowa, receiving a diploma in bookkeeping.

Clayton and I were married June 17, 1924. His parents built a new home a bit south of the first house and they lived there for 18 years, until Walter passed away. Shortly after that, Clayton's mother sold her bungalow to Ralph and Edna Rawson, who moved it a mile east across the road from the John Rumohr farm, where they lived for several years of their retirement.

Clayton and I were richly blessed by the birth of our two sons, Kenneth Wayne, 1928, and Curtis Ward, October 12, 1931. Kenneth married Marcille Lehr in 1955. Curtis is not married at this writing.

Clayton joined Trial Lodge #532, AF&AM and Arlington Chapter #428, Order of the Eastern Star, at the age of 21, holding offices in both the lodge and the Eastern Star chapter throughout the years. I joined the Order of the Eastern Star in about 1927, holding offices for nine years, a long time considering the bad condition the dirt roads would be in along toward spring, which was always the busiest time in the lodge and chapters. But it was well worth the effort. It was also my privilege to work in the Federated Church Sunday School department with the first, second, and third grades for many years, and today at the age of 82 years I am thrilled when I hear, "Hi, Esther!" from one of those once little tots. It was also a privilege to work in the Moville Woman's Club and become its president for the year 1947–48. At this writing I am the only charter member living in Moville; Reah Hulse is living at Mingo, Iowa.

I also liked working in the United Methodist Women's society, and was serving as president during the time the E.U.B. and Methodist (formerly Federation of Congregational and Methodist) churches were joining. I sat on the church board by virtue of my office as president of the U.M.W., and was the only one who suggested a name for the new church — Moville United Methodist Church. Then I remembered what the minister's wife had said, "John would be so pleased if they would name it St. John's United Methodist Church." But the damage had been done and couldn't be, or wasn't, retracted. The motion carried — I was truly sorry I had forgotten our conversation on the subject. I have been affiliated with one of those branches for about 69 years.

Clayton kept busy at something all of his

life. After moving to Moville his work was varied: first, the restaurant business; then R.E.C.; town clerk; assessor for Moville and Sergeant Bluff, Iowa; then operating a small seed store.

We were both 50-year members and Past Patron and Past Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. Clayton was a 50-year member and Past Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary with a reception in the church fellowship hall on Sunday, June 16, 1974, and were guests at a dinner party on the 17th.

Clayton was church treasurer at the time of his death, December 3, 1975. He is buried in Arlington Cemetery, Moville, Iowa.

by Esther (Rhue) Jones

RHUE, CHARLES & DeAUN (CROWL)

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DeAun and Charlie Rhue, December 1975, Moville, Iowa.

Charles, of Maybell (Countryman), of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Charles Andrew, son of Maybell Countryman and Robert J. Rhue, Sr., was born on a farm five miles southeast of Moville, Iowa, February 13, 1906. He moved into Moville at the age of nine, and was educated in the Moville schools, graduating with the class of 1925.

He married DeAun Crowl, daughter of Earl and Ethel Crowl of Lawton, Iowa, March 17, 1930. To this union two children were born, a son, Charles E., on December 23, 1930, and a daughter, Nancy Ann, on November 14, 1932.

Charlie was employed in the parts department of Julius Stolley's Chevrolet garage at this time. He then entered the motel and filling station business with his father and brother, Bob Rhue, Jr.

In the early part of 1937, the year Moville was 50 years old, the country was in deep depression. People were losing their jobs, homes, farms — everything — right and left. Word came from Uncle Will Countryman in Yakima, Washington, that there was plenty of work out there in the apple orchards. Charlie, along with his brother Bob and several other young married fellows from Moville, went out there together, leaving their wives and children to follow after school closed for summer vacation. The Rhue wives sold their household goods and purchased a new Ford car, and with the help of a local young man, Clarence Gustine, who was leaving shortly for the Northwest to do forestry work during college summer vacation and graciously consented to drive the car for the two women and three children, they were on their way.

The women soon found employment in a local cannery. It was in the early fall, school had just begun, when word reached them that their brother, Delbert, had a strep throat and was not expected to live. It was very serious, as there were no wonder drugs at that time. They all returned to Moville, driving day and night to get there in time to see him alive. It was extremely hard for four adults and three children to be cooped up in a small car for a trip as long as that was. It was at that time that Charlie entered the cold storage business with his father, while Bob, Jr., got work wherever he could find it.

R.J. Rhue passed away in February 1943, after a bout with complications following a blood transfusion, weeks after a gall bladder operation. Charlie carried on with the business for several years. He was involved in the town affairs, serving as city clerk for three years, councilman for four years, Master of Trial Lodge #532 AF&AM, member of the Sioux City Consistory and Abu Bekr Temple, Sioux City, Iowa, and Moville Chamber of Commerce. He also served several years as justice of the peace in Moville.

Charlie was employed as manager of the pro shop at the Meadows Golf Club, Moville, Iowa, for a few years. This was a job he thoroughly enjoyed as it gave him the opportunity to be with a wide number of people, and he loved people.

DeAun found great joy in painting pictures; she has left some lovely ones. They both drew great joy from their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Their son, Charles E., married Betty Miller, daughter of Howard and Dorothy Miller. They are the parents of Randy Charles and Le Anne (Rhue) Franzen. Randy has a daughter by a previous marriage; Le Anne has three daughters.

Nancy Ann Rhue married Gordon Lester Montange, born June 16, 1931, son of Lester and Maudie Montange of Kingsley, Iowa, on July 20, 1952, at Moville, Iowa. They were the parents of two sons and two daughters. Deborah Lynne Montange, born September 24, 1953, married Joseph Lee Petersen, born December 16, 1952, on September 23, 1972. They have two children, Courtney Jo, born June 28, 1974, and Jason Leonard, born March 26, 1977. Kirk Rhue Montange, born September 15, 1955, married Christine Renee Siedschlag, born February 17, 1957, on May 28, 1976. They have four children: Mathew Rhue, born July 25, 1978; Luke Andrew, born November 7, 1979; Sadie Jean, born November 27, 1981; and Allison Nancy, born November 8, 1985. Jaclin Ann Montange, born November 29, 1956, married Jeffrey John Peterson, born January 24, 1958, on July 31, 1981. They have three children: Jacob Bradly, born November 21, 1978; Benjie J., born May 28, 1982; and Isaac Gordon, born April 22, 1985. Charles Lester Montange, born June 14, 1968, married Kristy Lynne Livermore, born November 2, 1965, on September 8, 1984. They have one son, Levi Daniel, born February 4, 1985.

by Esther (Rhue) Jones

RHUE, CHARLES E. "BUD" & BETTY (MILLER)

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Bud and Nancy Rhue.

Charles E., of Charles A., of May Belle (Countryman), of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Charles E. "Bud" Rhue is the grandson of May Belle (Countryman) Rhue. Bud was born to Charlie A. and DeAun (Crowl) Rhue in December of 1930. He had a younger sister, Nancy Ann, who passed away in 1984. She was married to Gordon Montange.

Bud married Betty Miller, daughter of Howard and Dorothy Miller, in 1951. They have two children, Randy of Denver, Colorado, and LeAnn of Sioux City, Iowa. LeAnn is married to Larry Franzen and they have three daughters, Robin, Shana, and Shelby.

After spending four years in the Air Force, Bud returned to Moville, Iowa. He and his wife have a turkey farm just south of Moville.

by Bud Rhue

RHUE, ROBERT J. & MAYBELL (COUNTRYMAN)

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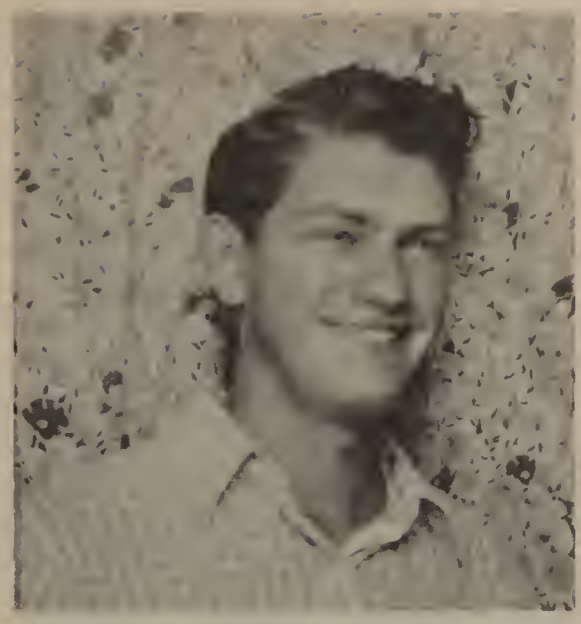
Maybell (Countryman) Rhue, at age 16.

Robert J. Rhue, Sr.

Maybell, of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Maybell Countryman, daughter of Andrew J. and Sabrina (Adair) Countryman, was born in Shell Rock, Iowa, June 12, 1876. A few years later they moved to Battle Creek, Iowa, in Ida County, near to the Soldier River. Here she and her father contracted malaria fever, or as they called it, "The Ague," probably



Delbert Lee Rhue (1918–1937), youngest son of Robert and Maybell (Countryman) Rhue.

caused by mosquitoes since they were so close to the river. This would cause them to have sudden chills. Maybell told of how she would, as a small child, run and climb into a large rocking chair when she felt the chills coming, wrap the quilt her mother kept in the chair around her small body, and rock as hard as she could. She seemed to think that would make her feel better. Many, many years later a friend of ours told how his father, who lived on that farm, was having what sounded as the same experience, as the son said his father could "stand right out in the hot oat field and have a chill." The people were the Carl Kirkholms.

The Countryman family was ready to push westward in a few more years, after two more children were born. Diphtheria was prevalent during those pioneer years and it took one of the babies born at Battle Creek. How hard it must have been to have to leave that little baby and move on.

The A.J. Countryman family moved to their claim of 160 acres of frontier prairie in Arlington Township, Woodury County, Iowa, hoping it would be near to the new town that was to be built soon. As it turned out, they located 2½ miles east of the town, named Moville four years later. They made the trip by covered wagon which contained their household furnishings along with the Jersey milk cow which was led back of the wagon by use of a rope placed around her neck. The journey took two days and two nights to make. But why worry about that, as it was early fall. They had their own food supplies, even fresh milk to drink along the way, and with a whole country of prairie grass ahead of them, they were better equipped than many travellers would be today.

Maybell was seven years old by that time. Her little brother, William, was one year old. Josephine was the name of the 2½-year-old sister who was buried at Battle Creek. One of her uncles, Lewis Countryman, was already living near Rock Branch, Iowa, and another uncle soon came and took a homestead where the Roscoe Risers now live. (We hope we are correct about that.) It seems as though Rock Branch was about the "jumping off place" in the move westward at that time, anyway as the old cemetery in a churchyard seems to indicate.

Maybell's father A.J., a brother, and Manly Irish had been out earlier and had built a one-room house, 14 x 16, partly into the ground — an early version of the modern split-level houses being built today, no doubt. This was in 1883, four years before Moville, Iowa, became a reality.

One of the requirements of a homesteader was the planting of a well-planned grove of trees. This would help break the force of the strong northwest winds that swept the open prairie in those days. A.J. also planted an apple orchard to the west of the buildings. This made a beautiful sight at blossom time. It seems there were always lots of apples, more than enough for the family and for many neighbors as well. A.J. planted other fruit trees, also, two kinds of cherry trees and grapes, both tame and wild but not together. We can still see in our mind's eye the wild grapevine climbing a great, old tree along the path leadng to the apple orchard. East and north of the apple orchard were planted many cherry trees, both early and late varieties. They produced so abundantly that neighbors would come and pick them on shares, in large milk buckets full. It all meant hard work. There were also different kinds of plum trees for jelly, jam, and some of the milder varieties were canned for sauce and pies.

This all seems to be getting away from Maybell's story, but no, she was very much involved in it all as she seemed to be the strongest woman of the family — the only girl for 18 years. She walked the open prairie to school, a distance of 2½ miles to what they called the Irish school, which was located near the Irish homestead where the Keith Haddocks now live. Yes, the Irish family came driving their wagon over the hill one morning. The eldest of the family was their daughter Nellie, who later married Jake Anderson. According to Maybell, she was lovely. It was at their home some years later that Maybell met her future husband, R.J. Rhue. He had come to the neighborhood to make his home with his eldest sister, Ella (Rhue) Petersen, wife of Thomas Petersen — Buel's parents. The Petersens had brought "Rob," as they all called him, with them that particular afternoon when they came to make the acquaintance of the new Anderson baby; Laura Yule, we believe, was the baby then.

Rob Rhue was born at Amber, Iowa, in 1877. The family were of pure Pennsylvania German descent, his parents having been born at Allentown, Pennsylvania. Rob was the youngest of five children. They moved from Amber to Anamosa, then to Clinton, Iowa, where he grew to manhood, coming to the Moville community sometime near the turn of the century.

Rob and Mabel, as her family grew to call her, were married after quite a long courtship. They farmed the Duncan Hamilton farm, later owned by the Utesches. They were married Novmber 27, 1902. Here their daughter, Esther, was born on September 23, 1903. Robert Jacob, Jr., was born December 30, 1904. The family moved ½ mile north on February 13, 1906, where the Roger Wilsons now live; that night their third child, Charles Andrew, was born.

The Rhues made two more moves before they bought a meat market from Frank Taylor and moved into Moville in December of 1915. In the spring of 1918 Rob and Mabel purchased the new brick building on the south side of Main Street (now the law office of Creasey, Metcalf, Thompson and Phipps) from James and Mattie Graham, and moved

the fixtures into it. They continued in the meat market business until 1923, when they sold the fixtures.

Their third son, Delbert Lee, was born July 23, 1918; at that time Rob was selling ice to some businesses and residences. As long as he had need for an ice house anyway, he just as well put up enough and have some to sell. He also got the idea to buy whole milk in ten-gallon cans, fresh from Frank and Winnie Wright, friends living east of town. The customers would come with their own containers, usually half-gallon syrup pails, and Rob would dip it from the milk can into those. Milk didn't have to be pasteurized in those days. At a party the remark was made that the Rhues had a new baby — a big one, it being weighed on Mr. Rhue's ice scales.

The Rhues, including their three sons, left in the fall of about 1926 for California, where they had planned to spend the winter months, but they returned home before winter set in. They had seen a few little one-room cottages along the way that were for rent for travellers and thought that a good idea for them to try. They purchased a filling station down on Highway 20 and built cabins, excepting there were a number of them — all under one roof. They were fully equipped with a table, two chairs, a small stove with a few pots and pans, and a completely furnished bed. A separate building was furnished with showers and rest rooms. There were living quarters in the back of the station. Here they also prepared meals for the family and help, and some teachers would come there for their noon lunches. After a time R.J. rented the business to his sons and he was free to do other things.

There was a new business being talked about that sounded as though it would be a good idea to work up for the building on Main Street. After much planning and discussion the building was converted to a cold storage locker plant. In a short time the business was valued at the same as that of a 160-acre farm. It was a thriving business until the coming of electric refrigeration, which was useful not only for business places but for homes as well. The cold storage locker plants became much less useful.

Rob and Mabel lost their son Delbert in 1937, at the age of 19 years. Six years later R.J. died at the age of 66 years. Mabel lived to be 84 years old, passing away at her home in 1960. Their son Charles passed away in May of 1986, at the age of 80 years. They are all buried in Arlington Cemetery, Moville, Iowa. They were members of the Federated Church, which later became the United Methodist Church in Moville.

by Esther (Rhue) Jones

RHUE, ROBERT JACOB & MURIEL (MACE)

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Robert, of Maybelle (Countryman), of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Robert Jacob, son of Robert J. and Maybelle (Countryman) Rhue, was born December 30, 1904, on a farm five miles southeast of Moville, Iowa.

Bob and Muriel Rhue, 1971.

He attended rural schools with his older sister, Esther, and younger brother, Charlie, until the family moved to the town of Moville, where he continued his education, starting in the third grade. He was a part of the first class to complete a full year at the new school — 1925 — the old school having been destroyed by fire a few years earlier.

After graduating, Bob contracted an earth-moving job on a new road southeast of Moville, a venture that cost him a loss of $500.00. Later he bought a truck and milk route from Ike Johnson and operated it for several years.

Bob and his school days sweetheart, Muriel Mace (daughter of Ellis and Nellie Mace, born March 12, 1907), were married March 21, 1928, and moved to the Gates farm, about seven miles north of Moville, Iowa. They farmed a year, then moved to Moville and operated an auto service station and tourist cabins in partnership with his father, R.J. These were some of the first tourist cabins in this area. On November 19, 1929, a son, Robert Ellis, was born.

The "Great Depression" was soon upon the nation. Bob quit the station and went to work for the county. Later he was a meat cutter for Council Oak and various other grocery stores. World War II had ended and he had the opportunity to purchase the Frank Wright farm east of Moville, Iowa. Bob and Muriel were back on the farm again in 1947.

Their son, Robert Ellis, had graduated from Moville High School and was ready for college. He attended Wayne State College, Wayne, Nebraska, and later transferred to the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. He became the youngest certified public accountant to graduate from the university at that time. He was with Ernst and Ernst accounting firm in Chicago, Illinois, for some time. He married Joyce Quintard at Lawton, Iowa. The newlyweds moved to Phoenix, Arizona, where he became a very successful C.P.A. They have two children, Robert Steven and Sharon.

By 1950 Bob was in the dairy business, with 35 cows at home and 187 in a dairy pool at the Henry Schwartz farm. When the dairy changed from the ten-gallon can pick up to bulk pick up, Bob changed to a purebred cow-calf Angus herd with around 200 head.

On August 8, 1972, after a long illness with cancer, Muriel passed away. She is buried at Arlington Cemetery, Moville, Iowa.

Bob had a closing-out farm sale and moved to Phoenix, Arizona. After some time in Phoenix, Bob met a nurse, Maythel Law. They were married and began buying houses in need of repair. She was talented in interior decorating and Bob was handy with the exterior work. Several moves were made, each with a nice profit.

In a few years, the traffic in the large city caused them to return to Iowa, Maythel for her health and Bob because of failing eyesight. They purchased a home first in Moville and later in LeMars, Iowa. There it was found that Maythel had cancer. She passed away September 6, 1983, and is buried at Valley City, North Dakota.

Bob continues to make his home in Phoenix, Arizona. He is a Mason and a member of the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. He spends his time at various senior citizen activities and enjoys his grandchildren and great-granddaugher. He and the rest of the family were recently saddened by the passing of his son, Robert Ellis, on February 21, 1986, after a long illness with a heart ailment.

by Ardell Countryman

RHUE, ROBERT STEVEN & BETH ANN (KORNRUMPH)

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Robert Steven, of Robert Ellis, of Robert Jacob, of Maybelle (Countryman), of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Friedrich.

Robert Steven Rhue was born of Robert Ellis Rhue and Joyce LaVonne Quintard on December 16, 1957. I attended Madison Meadows Grade School and Central High School, both of Phoenix, Arizona. While attending school I participated in Pop Warner, junior varsity and varsity football. During my senior year, the Central High School Bobcats made an unsuccessful bid for division championship. I joined the Theodore Roosevelt Council Boy Scout Troop 329 and earned my Eagle Scout award in 1973.

After high school I attended Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona, and Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, graduating *magna cum laude* with a Bachelor of Science in accounting. While attending ASU, I began working in my father's firm, Robert E. Rhue and Company, PC, Certified Public Accountants. I passed my certified public accounting exam in November 1982.

In May 1984 I met my wife, Beth Ann Kornrumph, born May 5, 1959, in Tucson, Arizona, daughter of Rowland Frank Kornrumph and Helen Louise Johnson. We were married on May 12, 1984. Our daughter, Lorin Michelle Rhue, was born April 27, 1985.

Since my father's passing on February 20, 1986, I have continued the family business.

by Robert S. Rhue

RITCHIE, RUTH (COUNTRYMAN)

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Ruth, of Charles Millard, of Calvin, of Daniel, of John I., Sr., of John, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Friedrich.

My mother, Ruth Abby (Countryman) Ritchie, was born in Lynville Township near Lindenwood, Illinois, on January 20, 1899. The farm was about a mile from the home her great-grandfather, Daniel, had bought when he came to Illinois in 1855.

In 1868, one of Daniel's sons, Calvin, married Abby Slafter of Vermont and began farming 400 acres adjoining his father's farm. On February 19, 1896, one of Calvin's sons, Charles Millard, born April 21, 1872, married Alta Mae Austen, born June 11, 1873, at Flag Center, Illinois. They also started farming close to the original Countryman farm. It was here Ruth Countryman was born in 1899.

The Countryman farms were located near the village of Lindenwood, Illinois. Daniel helped to found the Union Church in Lindenwood, still a vital church in the community. The original Countryman farm that Daniel bought is still owned by Countryman descendants, the family of Belle (Countryman) Boyle.

In 1887 Abby died and Calvin moved his family to Rockford, Illinois, where he opened a neighborhood grocery store at the corner of Whitman Street and Grant Avenue. Shortly after Ruth was born, Charles Millard moved his family to Rockford where he joined his father (Calvin), brother Howard, and brother-in-law Walter V. Boyle in forming Countryman and Co., a wholesale fruit and vegetable company. The firm received produce by rail, stored it in their warehouse, and trucked it to local grocers. The company remained in business until after World War II. Ruth Countryman and her four younger brothers all worked at Countryman and Co. Ruth remembers feeling quite privileged to have a job at the office and also to be taught to drive by her father when she was just 16 years old.

Countryman and Co. owned fruit tree farms in Michigan and orange groves near Kissimmee, Florida. Each winter Calvin and his second wife, Anna Rebecca Slafter, a cousin of his first wife Abby, went to St. Petersburg, Florida, to look after company business. Also, each year one of the sons and their families went to St. Petersburg to assist Calvin. Thus it was that every third year Ruth, her parents, and four brothers made the long automobile trip from Illinois to Florida with her grandparents. They went in a large touring car, cooking and sleeping along the way — forerunners of modern-day campers!

Ruth's father, Charles Millard, died in Florida May 4, 1952. Her mother, Alta, died in Rockford September 11, 1967. Ruth's brothers married as follows: Harold Austen to Ruth Campbell (children are Julia Elizabeth Yanson, Charles, Peter, and Karen), Charles Millard II to Marguerite Pratt (children are Sally Anne Varland and Charles Millard III), Carlos Slafter to Edna Williams (daughter Suzanne), and Calvin to Dorothy Lee (no issue). Calvin passed away April 16, 1983, in Charleston, Illinois, and is buried in Gilman, Illinois.

After attending Rockford Women's College and Milwaukee Downer College, Ruth Countryman married Franklin Glenn Ritchie of Rochelle, Illinois, on August 24, 1921. They moved to the Ritchie farm five miles southeast of Rochelle. The farm had been homesteaded in 1854 by Isaac B. Ritchie of Washington County, Pennsylvania, grandfather of Franklin.

Ruth and Franklin Ritchie were the parents of a daughter, Helen Frances, born September 24, 1927, and a son, Robert Glenn, born January 11, 1931. They continued to live on the Ritchie farm, raising grains and maintaining a cattle-feeding operation. Robert went into business with Franklin and in 1963 Robert bought a farm one mile east of the Ritchie home farm. As there was a new brick home on the property, Ruth, Franklin, and Robert moved to the new farm, continuing to operate the original Ritchie farm as well. On November 1, 1967, Robert passed away, and Ruth and Franklin came out of semi-retirement to operate the farms.

Their daughter, Helen, had married James Lee Westcot of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on July 30, 1949. They became the parents of three daughters: Julia Lynn, born June 19, 1952; Susan Carol, born March 27, 1954; and Nancy Lee, born January 14, 1958. Helen, Jim, and their daughters lived in Cedar Rapids and enjoyed many happy visits to Ruth and Franklin's farm home.

After Franklin pssed away on December 13, 1978, Ruth continued to live in her farm home. She moved to nearby Rochelle, Illinois, in November 1979. A year later, November 1, 1980, one of those special things happened in Ruth's life — her granddaughter Susan and husband Thomas D. Becker moved to the Ritchie farms and are currently operating both of them, producing several varieties of corn and soybeans. Susan and Tom have two daughters, Ellen Catherine, born August 10, 1980, and Carol Ruth, born May 4, 1984.

Ruth, her daughter Helen, and son-in-law Jim are thrilled to have the farm continue to be operated by a member of the Ritchie family — Susan is the fifth generation of the family to do so. The farm is again the scene of many happy family reunions with Helen, Jim, and Ruth's other granddaughters and their husbands coming several times each year. Julia is married to Richard Kendall Davis, born September 4, 1951, in Yonkers, New York; and Nancy is married to Brian Keith Hotchkiss, born February 3, 1957, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Susan's husband, Thomas Daniel Becker, was born May 14, 1951, in Warsaw, New York.

I have enjoyed writing about the life of my mother, Ruth Countryman, and want to tell about a vacation we took together. While in the Utica, New York, area, we followed signs leading to the Oriskany Battlefield. Imagine our thrill at finding the name of John Countryman engraved on the battlefield monument. It left us in awe and proud to be descendants of John Countryman of Conrad 1st.

by Helen (Ritchie) Westcot

Four generations at the Ritchie farm near Rochelle, Illinois, May 1984. Back row left to right: Helen (Ritchie) Westcot, holding Carol Ruth Becker; Susan (Westcot) Becker; Ruth (Countryman) Ritchie. Front row: Ellen Catherine Becker and the family dog, "Heidi."

ROUTLEY, JESSIE ANN (COUNTRYMAN)

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The Canadian Countrymans — Jessie Ann, of Albert, of Martin.

Jessie Ann Countryman's grandparents were Martin Countryman and Annie Wert. Her parents were James Albert Countryman (November 1852–May 1934) and Isabella Beatty. The children of Albert and Isabella Countryman were: Jessie Ann (1882–1972),

married to Alfred Routley, both deceased; William Albert (1884), married Pearl Palmateer, both deceased; Laura Elsie (1887), married Frank Krider, both deceased; John Martin (1889), bachelor; and Mary Rachel (1893), married Milton Palmateer (deceased).

Jessie Ann Countryman was born July 9, 1882. She lived on a farm originally purchased by Grandfather Martin from Mr. Graham in 1840, and later owned by James Albert, her father. She lived on this farm until leaving to attend nursing school at Brainerd Hospital (Northern Pacific Railway Hospital) in Minnesota. She graduated in 1907. Dr. William Countryman was chief surgeon at this hospital. She nursed in various places in Minnesota and North Dakota until her marriage in 1911.

In 1911 she married Alfred A. Routley and went to Calgary, Alberta, to live. Alfred worked at Comer, McBride's and Ashdown's hardware stores. He joined Ashdown's in 1914 and retired from there in 1946.

They were very active in church work. He was a life member church elder and supervisor of ushers. Ann worked unselfishly in Ladies Aid and Women's Missionary Society, holding various executive offices in each organization. This church was Central Methodist Church, and after church union was known as Central United Church in 1925. It is still the downtown church in Calgary.

Alfred and Ann had one daughter, Isabella Margaret, born in 1914. After attending normal school and university, she taught school ten miles outside of Calgary for three years and then married W. Forbes D. Campbell. He served in the Canadian Army for 3½ years during World War II. After the war he formed his own real estate business which he operated until 1966. He passed away in 1973.

Forbes and Isabella had three children: Patricia Ann, who has two children, James Kenneth Steeves and Nancy Patricia Steeves; Kathleen Ruth, who has two children, Karen Sharlene Thompson and Kevin Glen Thompson; and William Thomas, who has two children, Erin Melissa and Adam Curtis.

Isabella resumed teaching for 19 years until major surgery forced her retirement.

by Isabel M. Campbell

RUPPERT, FRANK & CATHARINA SOPHIA (COUNTRYMAN)

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C. Sophia, of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Catharina Sophia ("Kate", "Sophia") was born to Heinrich C. and Catharina (Dockstader) Countryman on 5 April 1836 at Paine's Hollow, Little Falls Township, Herkimer County, New York. Her father was a farmer, carpenter and shoemaker. Possibly her baptism took place at the German Flats Reformed Church where her mother had been baptized.

In 1844 Sophia, age 9, and her family packed their belongings and made the long trip to Vernon Township, Lake County, Illinois, via the Erie Canal and the Great Lakes. Sometime between 1850 and 1860 the family moved a short distance into Wheeling Township, Cook County, to another farm.

Frank Ruppert, the 2nd, and Catharina Sophia Countryman, his wife. Married about 1860, this photo was probably taken around 1880. They resided near Long Grove, Lake County, Illinois. Childless, they had a great affection for pets. C. Sophia is daughter of Heinrich and Catharina (Dockstader) Countryman).

Frank Ruppert, C. Sophia (Countryman) Ruppert, Catharina (Dockstader) Countryman (mother of Sophia), and probably a granddaughter of Catharina's. Taken between 1898 and 1902 on the front porch of the Rupperts' Long Grove, Illinois, residence. The home is now part of "Red Oaks," a home furnishings business in the Historical District.

At the age of 25 Frank Ruppert immigrated to Illinois, settling in Ela Township, Lake County. He was born 28 January 1830 to Frank and Eva Katharina (Trumpheller) Ruppert in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. After the death of Eva, Frank, Sr., married Margaret Hass. Frank, Jr., had three sisters: Julia (Maether), who settled in Hastings, Minnesota; Katharine E. (Hillrich); and Mary (Ullrich).

In 1860 Sophia Countryman was wed to Frank Ruppert, Jr. It is not known how they met or by whom they were married. Possibly they were members of the German Methodist Church located one quarter of a mile south of their farm.

On 22 September 1866 Frank purchased a 44-acre farm in Sections 13 and 24 of Ela Township, Lake County, and later added more land for a total of 89 acres. The farm is intersected by the Lake Zurich–Highwood Road (Route 22) with the buildings located on the north side of the road. The farm is bordered on the west by the Old McHenry–Wheeling–Chicago Road, and the southern corner is on the northwest edge of "the long grove." Frank farmed this land until 1898 when he and Sophia retired to the village of Long Grove, Vernon Township, Lake County.

On 9 December 1897 a house on a 1¼-acre lot was purchased from widow Wilhelmina Sophia Lemker for $1300. They took possession on 1 March 1898, and expanded their property on 5 May 1899 by purchasing a half-acre lot to the east from Andrew J. Stahl. The house, about a half-block southeast of "The Crossroads," was built in 1859 or 1860 and is a typical Midwest prairie farm house. It is within the Long Grove Historical District and is known as "Red Oaks." The present owner says, "Little has been changed on the original buildings from the outside — the porch, stained glass window on the southeast side, interior fireplaces and flue, even the original dry sink is still in place. There have, of course, been many additions. In the original residence no walls have been moved or altered, though we do now have indoor plumbing." The 105-foot frontage of the original property is on Old McHenry Road. The back of the lot is intersected by Buffalo Creek. When Frank and Sophia moved to town, the farm was long-term leased.

In the *Lake County Independent* dated 30 December 1898 the following news item appeared on the society page: "Long Grove. Mr. Rupert's dog suddenly disappeared last week. He was an intelligent dog and will be greatly missed." The Rupperts had not been blessed with children; pets apparently were an important part of their lives.

Sophia's mother came to live with them the last year of her life, and died in their home 24 June 1902, no doubt a traumatic experience for Sophia. Nurse Louise E. Holshue was hired at $4.00 per week to do washing, ironing, sewing and general housework as well as assisting in nursing care from 12 August 1902 through 14 November 1902. Sophia also required extensive help in 1904 (25 weeks) and 1905 (eight weeks).

On 14 March 1907 Dr. C.A. Starck of Palatine was called to the home as Frank had become quite ill. On March 18 a livery team was ordered to bring a nurse from Palatine to care for the ailing husband, but by four a.m. March 19 Frank was dead from double-sided pneumonia and cardiac failure. Senility was also listed on the death certificate. The next day Sophia became very ill, and nurse Elizabeth Sebastian came from Chicago to care for her. A specialist was consulted two days later, but to no avail. In three days, on 25 March 1907, she succumbed to bronchiopneumonia, fatty degeneration of the heart, and respiratory paralysis. Frank's pillow had born the inscription "Beloved Husband." Six days later Sophia's pillow read "Gone to Meet Him." No obituaries were found, but the following item appeared in the *Lake County Independent* , Friday 22 March 1907: "Long Grove. Frank Ruppert is reported very ill with pneumonia at present writing." And a week later, "Mrs. F. Ruppert died Monday

night at nine o'clock, of pneumonia within a week after the death of her husband."

Burial for the Rupperts was at St. Mary's (an ecumenical cemetery in the early days) in Buffalo Grove, Lake County. Sophia's funeral cost $133.00 for embalming, a casket, a hearse, five teams and carriage, a robe and a wooden cross. George Quentin, manager of the Long Grove Creamery and Cheese Factory, was administrator of Frank's estate. Otto Schmidt, Sophia's stepnephew, was appointed administrator for her estate.

by Lorraine Weick

SAPPENFIELD, VICTOR SEWARD

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Victor Seward Sappenfield, son of John Willard and Clara Ellen (Seward) Sappenfield. Taken in 1918, during World War I, when a member of the Student Military Training Corps, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

A newspaper photo of Sue (Howard) Sappenfield, wife of Victor S. Sappenfield, with Cmdr. Dan O. Neel, Officer in Charge of the Naval Annex, Stockton, California. Taken in 1955 when Cmdr. Neel pinned newly won oak leaves on her as Major in the Civil Air Patrol.

Elaine and Royce Sappenfield. Royce is the son of Victor and Sue Sappenfield, and Elaine is his wife. Taken in Modesto, California, 15 March 1973.

Royce Sappenfield, the body builder. Taken in December 1963 when he won the title of "Mr. Sacramento" in Sacramento, California. In 1967 he won first place for Best Legs in the Mr. Central California contest, and in 1983 he placed in the top five of the Mr. Golden Bear contest for men over 40 at the State Fair, Sacramento.

Victor, of Clara, of Elisabeth (Gonterman), of George, of Peter, of Capt. Henry.

Victor Seward Sappenfield (twin of Venner) was born 3 March 1899 in Evansville, Indiana, and died 24 January 1974 in Modesto, California. On 25 August 1928, in Evansville, Indiana, he married Sue Katherine Howard, born 30 October 1906 in New Albany, Indiana, daughter of Herbert William Howard (born 4 February 1872, London, England) and Susan Ann Condley Hayes (born 13 February 1879, Ohio County, Kentucky).

Victor and his twin brother, Venner, both served briefly during World War I in the student Military Training Corps — Victor at Indiana University and Venner at Purdue

Damon and Kristin Sappenfield (age 14), twin children of Royce and Elaine Sappenfield. Taken in Modesto, California, October 1984.

University — after which Victor worked in Civil Service for a year or two in Washington, D.C. He told how his buddy and he paddled a canoe on the Potomoc River from their boarding house to work each day. Following a Chicago University law course, he was admitted to the bar about 1923, practiced law in partnership with his father until his father's death, and then continued on his own.

He did very well for several years, but the Depression finally caught up with him at the time of the 1937 Ohio River flood, when the bottom dropped out of the economy. Their son was born at the peak of the flood, they struggled along for about a year, then, at his younger brother Wayne's insistence, moved to California.

He got a job as a law book salesman in San Francisco, and when World War II broke out, went to work in an administrative position with the army in Stockton. Sue went to work as secretary to the base surgeon at Stockton Field, later transferred to the navy as a position classifier, and in 1958 received an appointment as employment security officer for the California Department of Employment in Modesto, from which position she retired in 1973.

Victor later worked for the Railway Mail Service, and then went into advertising sales until his death. During the 1950s Sue was a member of the Civil Air Patrol and attained the rank of major as director of personnel of the Central Valley Group. C.A.P. is a volunteer auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, which conducts search and rescue missions for lost aircraft under the direction of the Air Force.

Royce Willard Sappenfield, the son of Victor and Sue, was born 27 January 1937 in Evansville, Indiana. He served four years in the Air Force, graduated with a B.A. degree and a teaching credential from Stanislaus State College in Turlock, California, and is an elementary teacher in Patterson, California. On 18 December 1966 he married Mrs. Shirley Elaine (Sigmon) Indahl, who has recently taught children with learning disabilities. Royce legally adopted her three children by her first marriage to John Indahl and their names were legally changed to Sappenfield:

Roxanne Ellen, born 24 July 1956, Boulder, Colorado, married Mark L. Ireland 24 May 1984.

John Mark, born 19 November 1957, Encino, California, married Sandra Marie Zumstein 10 March 1979. Their children are Mary Beth, born 23 July 1980; Jessica Rose, born 29 December 1981; and Katherine Rene, born 6 March 1985. All three children were born in Modesto, California.

Daniel Scott, born 3 November 1959, Las Cruces, New Mexico, married Jewel Lynette Davis. Their children are Joshua Dan, born 6 August 1981, and Jeffrey Scott, born 15 September 1985. Both children were born at Modesto, California.

Royce and Elaine's twins are Kristin Erin and Damon Eric, born 8 March 1970 at Modesto, California.

Royce's hobby is body-building, and he has won many trophies.

A Harrowing Experience

When Victor and Sue married in 1928, they decided not to start a family right away. Victor's father had passed away just four months previously, and he was supporting his mother and an invalid sister. They lived in his mother's home for a year or two, then bought a home of their own, with Sue continuing to work as an insurance secretary. The depression gradually caught up with them until it got to the point where Victor was handling a divorce case for $25.00 with him paying the court costs!

When Sue became pregnant with Royce and soon had to quit work, they were distraught. If there was such a thing as welfare in those days, they didn't know about it. Besides, no one in either of their families had ever asked for charity. They sold their home in the dead of winter and moved into a boardinghouse temporarily. Then the 1936–37 Ohio River flood came. Victor's mother had moved back to Washington, D.C., to live with her daughter, and Victor's three old aunts were living together in a two-story house in Evansville. Nobody thought the water would come up so high — it never had! Sue's time came to go to the hospital, two weeks ahead of schedule. There was water up to the first step of the boardinghouse. The streets were flooded, with large chunks of ice floating around. The cold had had cracked the motor block in their old Hudson. They called the Red Cross for help.

There was martial law and no one was allowed out without a permit. The Red Cross promised to send a truck — taxis wouldn't attempt it — but they didn't show up and everyone in the house got nervous. Finally one of the boys in the house said he would try to get his car out. Victor put on high rubber boots and carried Sue to the car. Slowly they made their way downtown, where they were stopped by soldiers. When their story was told, a soldier jumped on the running board (they still had running boards in those days!) and got them to the hospital.

With the flood there was a water shortage. Nurses in the hospital had to send their uniforms out of town to be laundered, hence they were wearing them longer than they should have. They would bring a basin of water in the morning to bathe the patients, give them a glass of water and say, "Brush your teeth with this and drink the rest." No visitors came — no flowers were sent. Husbands visited infrequently and since Sue's mother was deceased, she was allowed an old friend of the family to visit her. Being four to a room, the mothers or expectant mothers kept each other company. One woman came in practically ready to deliver, and the nurse was trying to get statistics from her. She said, "You say this is your third child?" and the woman responded, "No! My first and my last!"

Meantime, the three old aunts had moved to the second floor with all their canned goods and nine cats. The water was within a foot of the ceiling of the first floor. The Red Cross came in a boat and forced them to leave, and after the flood the cats were still alive — but what a smell!

Royce weighed in at 4 pounds, 14½ ounces. Who would have guessed he'd be a weight-lifter today?

by Mrs. Victos S. Sappenfield

SCHAFFER, PHYLLIS (WILMETH)

F472

Phyllis, of Marion, of Mabel Rose (Countryman), of John Ervin.

Phyllis Ann Wilmeth was born August 30, 1943, in Toppenish, Washington. She attended grade school and high school in Toppenish, graduating in 1961. After graduation she attended Whitworth College in Spokane, and in 1967 received a degree in education.

On July 6, 1968, Phyllis married Fred N. Schaffer, who was born December 9, 1937. Fred attended grade school and high school in Spokane, Washington, and after two years in the armed services attended Whitworth College in Spokane. He graduated with the class of 1965. After college he worked nine years with Taylor Distribution Company.

Phyllis taught fourth grade in the Spokane school system from 1968 until the birth of her first child. Phyllis and Fred continue to make their home in Spokane where Fred was reared, and where he now has an after-market automotive service business. They have three children: Matthew Sanford, born July 27, 1971; Jennifer Renee, born June 14, 1974; and Seth Charles, born March 24, 1977. All three attend Spokane public schools.

Phyllis and Fred focus their interest on home, children, church, sports, and youth activities.

by Charles Edgar Wilmeth

SCHERER - TUTTLE

F473

Garnet, of Maude (Countryman), of John Watkin, of Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of Johan Frederick.

Garnet LuVerne Scherer, daughter of George Emerick Scherer and Maude Countryman, was born 27 June 1913, Geddes, Charles Mix County, South Dakota. I was married to George Stephen Tuttle on 26 December 1935 in the Methodist parsonage, Geddes, South Dakota, by Rev. J.J. Saltan, with Ione Saltan and Jerry Farnham as witnesses. Rev. Saltan also took us into the church on Easter 1936 and later baptised our sons, George Bruce, born 6 August 1937, and Charles Stephen, born 22 August 1941.

Those were hard times and work was scarce. Pay was poor but everyone seemed somehow to make do with what they had. Farm wages were $1 per day and a noon meal . . . truckers worked for about the same. There were W.P.A. projects, but layoffs were many and workers were sometimes hauled many miles to get to a project . . . in winter it meant riding miles in the cold and often times their lunches were frozen. Pay was $39 per month, $50 for anyone with a "skilled labor" card. Cat skinners and truck drivers were "lucky" there. Dams, roads, and bridges were mostly the projects. Commodities were given now and then, but it was hard to use all the rice, prunes, dried eggs, and milk, and much of it was wasted.

In 1941 when George's brother Roy went into military service, George was able to take over his job on a ranch along the Missouri River near Bijou Hills, South Dakota. It was a long way to mail, town, and school, but we stayed there until November 1944. We then sold the stock cattle we had acquired and bought milk cows and farm equipment and moved back to the Geddes area to farm. In 1952 we lost our farmland to bigger farmers who were buying up all small farms, so we sold everything and moved into Geddes. George went back to trucking livestock and hauling gravel. I worked in cafes in Geddes and wrote a weekly column, "From My Dining Room Table," for Harold Williams and the *Charles Mix News* , published in Geddes, South Dakota.

We left Geddes in 1962. George drove truck out of Platte, South Dakota, for five years and I again cooked in a cafe. In 1967 we moved to Chamberlain, South Dakota, where George was forced to retire due to ill health. Later when his health improved he drove school buses, first for Babb Busing and then Ralph Pickner Busing. For two years I worked in a steak house and then went to work at Wait's Super Market as a meat wrapper. In 1979 the store was sold and I went to work at Al's Oasis. In May 1981 we both retired and moved to our present home in Blair, Nebraska, where our son Chuck and his family reside.

by Mrs. Garnet Tuttle

SCHERER, MAUDE (COUNTRYMAN)

F474

Maude, of John Watkin, of Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of Johan Frederich.

Maude Countryman, daughter of Miriam Angelina Clarke and John Watkin Countryman, was one of twin girls born 13 December 1876 near Frankville, Winneshiek County, Iowa. Her twin sister, Mable, died 31 October 1881. Maude married George Emerick Scherer on December 18, 1901, in the Methodist parsonage, Geddes, South Dakota.

My father, George Scherer, was born 30 July 1875 in Bon Homme County, near Yankton, South Dakota. His father John migrated from Germany when 17 years of age and married Agnes Congleton in LeClaire,

Iowa, 9 March 1862. She was born in Butler County, Pennsylvania, and was a descendant of the Emerick brothers who were fur traders in business with J.J. Astor in the Hudson Bay area. George Mathisen, a well known lawman from the Yankton area in the early days, was also a relative.

Maude and George were parents of three children: Charles Walter, born 28 September 1902; George Emerick, Jr., born 25 April 1904; and myself, Garnet LuVerne, born 27 June 1913. All were born at Geddes, South, Dakota. Neither Charles nor George married. Charles passed away in Peterson Memorial Hospital, Kadoka, South Dakota, 17 August 1963 (cancer). George passed away 12 June 1955 at Platte Memorial, Platte, South Dakota, after a lifetime of heart and asthma problems. I married George Stephen Tuttle on 26 December 1935 in the Methodist parsonage, Geddes, South Dakota. Issue, two sons: George Bruce, born 6 August 1937, and Charles Stephen, born 22 August 1941.

Dad's niece, Ruth Adelia Glynn, was taken into our family in January 1910 after the death of her mother when she was nine months old. She married J.O. Varilek, Lake Andes, South Dakota, in November 1929. They had six children: Ronald Dean, born 18 July 1930; Dorothy Jean, born 5 May 1932; Laura May, born 3 October 1933; Robert, born September 1934; a baby (died of crib death); and Richard, born September 1936. Ruth died at her home in Oshkosh, Nebraska, after a massive heart attack.

My mother, Maude ,and her sisters and brother attended McCook, South Dakota, area schools and Maude went on to Madison Normal School (as it was known then). She also had some musical training while there and was a fine organist and singer. She taught six terms of school in McCook County rural schools before moving to Charles Mix County, near what is now Lake Andes, South Dakota. At that time, there was only a store near the lake and it was known as Andy's Lake. Lake Andes was a beautiful lake with several summer resorts along its shore and fishing was great, but dry years did their damage and it has never again been like those days.

Mom, like her mother, gave much of herself to make life good for her family and friends. She washed and carded wool from our own sheep, put the bats into either muslin or flour sacks, quilted it, and made all our bedding. She always raised a garden, even dry years and with grasshoppers she managed to can and dry foods for winter. She raised chickens and geese. The geese were butchered, barreled, and shipped to Chicago for the holidays. She made hominy in winter and canned it for summer use; meat was also canned. She helped many children with lessons after school and on weekends. She was crippled with arthritis in her last years but made rugs and wrote many letters, and I can't say how many times she had read her Bible through. She read many good books to us during the long winter evenings. She once traded one of her beautiful wool quilts for an old pump organ so I learned to play, and she enjoyed playing it, too, even with her lame hands.

Mom's family tree includes the grandfather and mother of movie star Mamie Van Doren. Mamie's (whose real name is Joann Olander) maternal grandfather was Albert Bennett of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Maude (Countryman) Scherer passed away in Platte Memorial Hospital, Platte, South Dakota, on 27 September 1958 after a stroke. George Scherer died 12 March 1951 after suffering a massive heart attack at his home in Geddes, South Dakota. Both are buried in Pleasant Lawn Cemetery, Geddes, South Dakota.

by Mrs. Garnet Tuttle

SCHMIDT - MERRILL
F475

Sophia, of Philinda (Countryman), of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

A daughter was born to Francis G. Schmidt and his second wife, Philinda Countryman, in Wheeling Township, Cook County, Illinois, on 4 March 1861. Sophia Permelia joined a stepbrother named Otto, age three. Their father served in the Civil War for three years (1862–64). Later the family moved to Belvidere, Boone County, when Sophia was about eight years of age. She learned her father's trade of weaving and was employed as a weaver in 1880 at the age of 19.

On 18 November 1886 she was wed to William P. Merrill of Belvidere by the Reverend Carlton E. Taylor. The witnesses were Ezra Merrill and William Dawson. William was born 2 April 1860 in Newark, Nottinghamshire, England, to Robert and Ann (Jackson) Merrill. He came to this country at the age of two with his parents; they settled in Belvidere. When he grew to manhood he learned the trade of blacksmith, wagonmaker and wheelwright and eventually owned his own shop, following this trade for 30 years. From 1918 he suffered from a heart ailment and found it necessary to give up his trade. He then worked for some time at the YMCA. He was a member of the Odd Fellows.

The Merrills lived in their own home at 507 Warren Avenue. Here they raised their three boys: Ezra F., born in 1888; Kenneth Otto, born in 1893; and William E., born in 1904. Sophia's parents were living with them at the time of her mother Philinda's death in 1898, as was her stepbrother Otto until his marriage in 1904. Her father, Francis G. Schmidt, remained with them until his death in 1913.

When Sophia's aunt and uncle Catharina Sophia (Countryman) and Frank Ruppert of Long Grove died in 1907, she desired two keepsakes and purchased her aunt's gold watch and chain for the appraised value of $15 and a buffalo robe for $20.

Between 1900 and 1910 William and Sophia had a fourth child who died young. There is no further information.

Sophia passed away 16 November 1925 after 13 weeks in St. Joseph's hospital, Belvidere. She had been ill with paralysis for eight years, living to age 64 years 8 months and 12 days. Rev. Joe Evans officiated the funeral held in the family home. She had been a member of Harmony camp, Royal Neighbors of America; and the Woman's Relief corps of Hurlbut Post of the Grand Army of the Republic (Civil War). "Many in a wide circle of friends and acquaintances by whom she was highly esteemed will deplore her demise."

William married a second time to Mrs. Ina Greene on 24 November 1928. Ina had a son, Harry, who was residing in Chicago at the time of William's death 2 November 1933. William had suffered a heart attack and died in his sleep at home (507 Warren). "He was about the streets as usual yesterday and passed the evening playing bunco with his wife." Funeral services were held at home with the Rev. W.H. Evans officiating. He and Sophia are buried side by side on the Merrill-Schmidt plot southeast of the cannon at the Belvidere Cemetery on North Main Street.

by Lorraine Weick

SCHMIDT - VAIL
F476

Minnie, adopted daughter of Philinda (Countryman), of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Sometime after the family had moved from Wheeling Township, Cook County, Illinois, to Belvidere, Boone County, a second daughter, Minnie, was added to the family of Francis G. Schmidt and his wife Philinda Countryman. Minnie was born 27 September 1871 and was apparently adopted by the Schmidts before 1880.

On 8 March 1888, at the age of 16, she became the second wife of Charles H. Vail of Marengo, McHenry County, Illinois. They were married in Belvidere by Police Magistrate Charles T. Spackman. Witnesses were her stepbrother Otto Schmidt and a Georgia Castner. (Minnie used the spelling "Smith," the name her father also had used on an 1865 document.)

Charles H. Vail was born August 1855 in Marengo to E.J. and Elizabeth (Sponable/Sponknable) Vail, born in Ohio and Vermont respectively. He was 32 at the time of his second marriage. His occupation was given as a conductor on the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, the company which served Marengo and Belvidere. No mention of the marriage was found in the weekly issue of the *Belvidere Standard* dated 14 March 1888. However, there were two items of interest concerning the railroad: (1) "The great Chicago and Northwestern Railway begins to tremble under the edicts of 'Q' [Chicago, Burlington and Quincy] strikers, and has, it is said, boycotted the 'Q' cars by refusing to haul them. . . . This brotherood of locomotive engineers is more domineering and reckless of the rights of others than any railroad ever dared to be. The roads can now see where they stand — under the control of the engine drivers [brotherhood]. If that is not a conspiracy, what is it!" (2) "The Chicago and North Western Railroad Company is now selling cheap first class Excursion Tickets at very low prices to the health and pleasure resorts of the (Sunny) South, including Jacksonville and other Florida points; New Orleans, Louisiana; and to points in Mississippi, Alabama and Texas. For tickets, rates and full information, apply to agents Chicago and North Western Railroad."

In 1900 we find the Vails were living at 528 Warren Avenue, Belvidere — just a few houses away from Minnie's family. Charles, at this time, was the proprietor of a billiard hall and was buying the house in which they were living. A boy, Francis E., born in March 1898, was now part of this family. Minnie was

being assisted with household duties and child care by 17-year-old Martha B. Schroeder who had immigrated from Germany in 1895.

Minnie died 25 July 1908 at the age of 36 years 9 months 28 days. Her obituary appeared in the *Belvidere Daily Republican* that same day. "Mrs. C.H. Vail died at St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago at 7:00 this morning. Mrs. Vail was taken there ten days ago for an operation. The remains will be brought to Belvidere at 1:23 o'clock today. The announcement of the death of Mrs. Vail will be a shock to her many friends in Belvidere, as a fatal ending to her illness had not been anticipated. There will be much sincere sorrow in a wide circle and the bereaved family will receive much sympathy. Mrs. Vail . . . leaves her husband . . . the well known cigar dealer, and an adopted son Francis. She was an adopted daughter of F.G. Schmidt and leaves her brother Otto Schmidt and sister Mrs. William Merrill."

One further item was found in the 28 July 1908 issue. "We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all of the friends and neighbors who have been of such great assistance and comfort to us in these dark hours of sorrow. Their acts will be remembered with much appreciation. Charles H. Vail, Francis Vail, Mrs. W.F. Corson, Mrs. John VanNatta."

About 1909 Charles married Mary F., who had also been married two times previously. Mary was born in 1861 in Illinois, and was the mother of two children, one of whom had died before 1910. The family continued to live in the Belvidere home. Mary F. died in 1933 and Charles H. in 1934. Charles is buried with wives Minnie and Mary F. at the Belvidere Cemetery.

Francis E. and Bessie (Porter) Vail

Francis E. Vail was born in Illinois in March of 1898. The following news item appeared in the 7 November 1921 issue of the *Belvidere Daily Republican* . "Mr. and Mrs. Clark Porter of Garden Prairie announce the marriage of their daughter Miss Bessie Mae to Francis E. Vail of Belvidere, which took place on Saturday evening November 5 at the South Baptist parsonage in Belvidere, Rev. H.W. Reed officiating. Francis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Vail. . . . He is a veteran of the World War [World War I] and served overseas. He is employed at Federal Bakery in Belvidere. The couple will make their home with the parents of the bridegroom."

Bessie was born in Garden Prairie on 8 October 1893. She and Francis resided in Belvidere nine years before moving to Garden Prairie, Boone County. Their children were Doris May, Franklin P., and Charles Allen. After suffering from heart trouble for a year, Bessie died on 16 February 1934 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Frederickson of Garden Prairie where she had been cared for the previous nine weeks. The funeral was held at the Garden Prairie Congregational Church. She was buried at 40 years of age with members of her Porter family at the Garden Prairie Cemetery.

by Lorraine Weick

SCHMIDT/SMITH, FRANCIS & PHILINDA (COUNTRYMAN)

F477

Philinda, of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

On 27 August 1839 at Paine's Hollow, Little Falls Township, Herkimer County, New York, Philinda was born to Heinrich C. and Catharina (Dockstader) Countryman.

In 1844 at the age of five she came with her family and other relatives to Illinois via the Erie Canal and Great Lakes. Her father rented a farm in Vernon Township, Lake County, for a few years. Sometime in the 1850s they moved a short distance to another farm in Wheeling Township, Cook County. They were members of the AuxPlaine (North Northfield) Evangelical Association church, and later the Wheeling/Long Grove German Methodist Mission.

About 1860 Philinda was married to Francis Gustav Schmidt, who was born 31 March 1823 or 1827 in Kachenitz, Saxony, Prussia, and migrated to the United States in 1854. (Regarding the discrepancy in birth years: the age given in the 1870, 1880, 1900 censuses bears out the 1827 date; the 1910 census and burial record indicate the 1823 date.)

Francis, a weaver, had a young boy named Otto who had been born in Blue Island, Worth Township, Cook County, in December of 1857. It is known only that Otto's mother had been born in New York. Francis and Philinda set up housekeeping in East Wheeling, Cook County, Illinois. A daughter, Sophia Permelia, was added to the family on 4 March 1861.

Eight months later Francis, feeling a patriotic urge, answered President Lincoln's call and enlisted with the Union Army for three years of the Civil War on 18 November 1861. Ha was a member of Company A of the Thirteenth Illinois Cavalry Regiment which was organized at Camp Douglas in December 1861. (Camp Douglas was located in south Chicago around 35th Street and Cottage Grove Avenue and became in February 1862 a camp for Confederate prisoners.) Francis, a private, was mustered in 31 December 1861 and mustered out 31 December 1864. The regiment was armed and equipped at Benton Barracks, Missouri. They engaged successfully in many battles and skirmishes in Missouri and Arkansas and were the first regiment to enter Little Rock, Arkansas, on its capture 10 September 1863. In the summer of 1864 the regiment was stationed at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, engaging in scouting and picketing with Colonel Clayton's Brigade.

In 1869 Francis moved his family to Belvidere, Boone County, on the old stage route between Chicago and Galena, known as the General Ulysses S. Grant Highway, now Route 20. It had been marked with black and yellow striped posts. In Belvidere a second daughter, Minnie, was born in 1871.

Francis, Philinda, and son Otto (age 41) were residing at 507 Warren Avenue with daughter Sophia Merrill and family at the time of Philinda's death on 3 March 1898 at the age of 58 years 6 months 4 days. "She had been a sufferer for many years and her demise was not unexpected. She bore her physical infirmities with patience, being helpless for several years. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and she drew a consolation from its teachings that sustained her to the last moment." The funeral was held at home with the Rev. Earngey officiating.

Francis continued to live with his daughter until his death there on 17 August 1913 "after an immediate illness of two months duration. . . . Death was due principally to the weakness of age. . . . Mr. Schmidt was a member of the 13th Illinois Cavalry and served his country faithfully and well. As a citizen he was highly respected and his friendship was much valued." The funeral was held in the Merrill home, having been postponed one day because of a delay in son Otto's arrival from South Dakota. The Reverend Henry H. Rompel of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Belvidere officiated. Francis was buried with his wife in the Belvidere Cemetery, southeast of the cannon. Their graves had been unmarked until about 1985 when the Grand Army of the Republic, of which Francis was a member, erected a memorial stone for him. All the Merrills except Ezra and Nettie are buried on this plot.

Otto and Catherine (Callahan) Schmidt

Otto Schmidt, son of Francis G. Schmidt and stepson of Philinda (Countryman) Schmidt, had been a weaver like his father. (He was about two years old when his father remarried.) He resided with his parents and the Merrills until his marriage at the age of 47 on 2 November 1904 to Miss Catherine Ellen Callahan by Father John C. Murphy at St. James Roman Catholic Church in Belvidere. Catherine was born in Belvidere in March of 1873 to James and Catherine (Kiley) Callahan, natives of Ireland, and was baptized at St. James Church on April 6 as "Katie Ellen." Also baptized at this church were the three known children of Otto and Catherine: Marian Jenette, born 16 January 1906; Robert Otto, born 23 June 1907; and Paul Ernest, born 3 October 1910. They owned their home at 604 Julian.

Otto was apparently active in politics, as in 1898 he was a member of the Republican Town Committee. In 1907 Otto administered the estate of his stepaunt Catharina Sophia (Countryman) Ruppert, wife of Frank. The Rupperts had been long-time residents of the Long Grove, Lake County, Illinois, area and had no children.

Otto was in business with L.C. Willard, calling their company "Willard-Schmidt." They advertized "furniture repairing and upholstering, ambulance service, undertakers, embalmers and funeral directors" and conducted their business at 410 S. State Street.

Sometime after 1910 Otto moved his family to Willow Lake, Clark County, South Dakota. He traveled from there for his father's funeral in 1913. When his sister Sophia (Schmidt) Merrill died in 1925, Otto and his family were residing in Lena, Oconto County, Wisconsin.

by Lorraine Weick

SCHWAKE, GERRY & BARBARA (COUNTRYMAN)

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The Gerry Schwake family: Barbara (Countryman) Schwake, holding Ross; Gerry Schwake, holding Shana.

Barbara, of Robert, of William Jay, of Noah, of Peter, Jr., of Peter, of George, of Andrew or Henry, of John Frederick Contreman.

Barbara Ann Countryman was born at the Davis County Hospital in Bloomfield, Iowa, on June 16, 1953. Barbara lived with her parents, Robert and Vivian Countryman, on a farm in Davis County, five miles south and one mile west of Pulaski, Iowa, until the age of 12 when her parents moved to a farm in Jefferson County, six miles east and two miles north of Fairfield, Iowa.

She attended Pulaski elementary school until the eighth grade, then attended Fairfield Community Schools where she graduated in 1971. During junior high and high school, she was active in 4-H for seven years, holding all offices and receiving numerous awards including outstanding 4-H member of Jefferson County. She was also active in Future Homemakers of America, holding the offices of secretary and vice-president and serving as a delegate to the state convention. She was also active in Methodist Youth Fellowship at New Sweden Methodist Church, Lockridge, Iowa.

After high school, Barbara enrolled at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, majoring in home economics education, where she attended two years until her marriage to Gerry W. Schwake. Gerry is the son of Gerhardt and Edna Schwake, who owned a farm two miles west and three miles south of Sumner, Iowa, where Gerry and Barbara began farming in 1973 and where they reside at this writing. Gerry was born at Community Memorial Hospital in Sumner, Iowa, on September 11, 1951. Barbara and Gerry were married at the First United Methodist Church of Fairfield, Iowa, on September 23, 1973. Their children are Shana and Ross.

In 1976 Barbara returned to college at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, where she completed her B.A. degree in vocational home economics education with high honors in 1978. She became a member of the home economics honorary sorority, Phi Upsilon Omicron. During the year 1978–79 she was a substitute teacher in area schools. During 1979–82 she taught home economics classes at Tripoli High School, Tripoli, Iowa.

On June 26, 1980, Shana Rae Schwake was born at Community Memorial Hospital in Sumner, Iowa. On September 23, 1982, Ross William Schwake was born at Community Memorial Hospital in Sumner, Iowa.

Barbara and Gerry have both been active in the Sumner community. Barbara was a member of the Sumner JayceeEttes and Jaycee Women, and held the offices of local secretary, vice-president, president, and state director, regional secretary/treasurer and regional director. She was named as outstanding regional director in the state of Iowa in 1985. Barbara and her family are active members of St. John American Lutheran Church, Sumner, Iowa, where Barbara has served as circle chairman and Sunday school teacher.

by David W. Countryman

SEGLEM, JOEL & SALLY (COUNTRYMAN)

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The family of Joel and Sally (Countryman) Seglem. Left to right: Michelle, Joel, Renee, and Sally.

Sally, of Ardell, of Cleveland, of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Sally Lee (Countryman) Seglem, daughter of Ardell and Grace Marie (Petersen) Countryman, was born April 5, 1945, in Sioux City, Iowa.

She attended Pierson school until 1961 when Kingsley and Pierson consolidated. While in school she was active in cheerleading, band, chorus, small musical groups, and was Northwest Iowa Band Queen. She was a member of the National Honor Society and graduated from Kingsley-Pierson High School in 1963. Sally attended Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, that fall. She married Joel Seglem on June 28, 1964, in Grace Methodist Church in Sioux City. She is a Past Worthy Advisor of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, a Past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a member of the Pierson United Methodist Church where she has sung in the choir.

Joel Frank Seglem was born February 23, 1942, in Kingsley, Iowa, the son of Clarence Johann and Ethel Mae (Stevens) Seglem. He attended Kingsley High School where he was active in basketball, football, student council, and the National Honor Society. He graduated in 1960 and attended Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, graduating in 1964. He is a Past Master of the Masonic Lodge, and a member of the Pierson United Methodist Church where he was a high school Sunday School teacher, and president of the official board. He also served on the Farmer's Co-op Elevator board for six years. He is now engaged in farming in the Kingsley and Pierson, Iowa, areas.

Sally and Joel have two daughters. Michelle Marie Seglem was born November 2, 1966, in Sioux City, Iowa. She attended Kingsley-Pierson school. While in high school she was active in band, chorus, basketball, golf, and softball. The softball team was in the state tournament the summers of 1983, 1984, and 1985; she played third base for four years. She is a member of the National Honor Society and was valedictorian of her graduating class in 1985. She is currently a sophomore at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, majoring in business. She is a member of the Pierson United Methodist Church where she was in youth choir and helped with special music.

Renee Lynette Seglem was born April 5, 1970, in Sioux City, Iowa. She is a junior at Kingsley-Pierson High School where she is active in band, chorus, jazz band, swing choir, drill team, football cheerleader, basketball, volleyball, and softball. She, too, was a member of the softball team when it went to state in 1984 and 1985, playing right field. She is a member of the Pierson United Methodist Church where she sang in the youth choir.

by Mrs. Sally Seglem

SEVERSON, NORMA (COUNTRYMAN)

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Norma, of Glen, of Clarence, of Dennis, of Peter, of Conrad II, of Jacob, of Conrad I, of Johann Fredriech.

Back row left to right: Mrs. Bob (Quincey) Severson (daughter-in-law), Robert Glen Severson (son), Michael White (son-in-law), and Robert L. Severson (husband). Middle row left to right: Norma (Countryman) Severson, Patti White (grandchild), Diane White (daughter). Front row left to right: Colby Severson and Kassidy Severson (grandchildren — sons of Bob and Quincey). Taken in Algonquin, Illinois, at Patti's high school graduation in June 1985.

Norma Jane was born July 24, 1922, in Sibley, Iowa, the first child of Glen and Ora Countryman. The family moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, when Norma was going into the eighth grade. She graduated from Central High School in 1942. After graduation she worked for two years at Standard Oli Company in the credit department.

She married Robert L. Severson February 14, 1942. That September Bob joined the Air Force, becoming a second lieutenant and receiving his wings on January 7, 1944. He served in the China, Burma, India Theatre and was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart, and Air Medal. Returning to civilian life in 1945 he worked as a flight instructor for three years. He then went to DeLaval Company in 1950 and advanced to vice president and general manager of one of their subsidiary companies.

Norma and Bob have two children. Phyllis Diane was born May 16, 1952. She attended grade school in Osage, Iowa. The family moved to San Jose, California, and she finished high school there. Diane attended the University of Southern California and the University of Illinois. She met and married Michael White in 1966 while they were both going to U.S.C. They have one child, Patti, born April 28, 1968. Diane is very active in her church and is a travel agent. Michael is vice president of international marketing for Magnaflux. They live in Algonquin, Illinois. Patti is now attending Northern Illinois University.

Robert Glenn (Bobby) was born May 16, 1952. He also attended school in Osage, Iowa, and graduated from high school in San Jose, California. He is completing his education in Colorado. Bobby is a certified ski instructor and is interested in becoming an athletic director. He married Quincey Lowing in June 1973. They have two sons, Colby, born in July 1977 and Kassidy, born in October 1980. They currently live in Gunnison, Colorado.

by Norma Jane Severson

SHOOK - HORBAK

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Clara "Lauraine", of Clara L. (Sprague), of Etta Mae (Misner), of Cornelia A. (Countryman), of Matthew, of Levi, of Matthew, of Frederick, of Andreas Frantz, of Johann Frederick.

Clara "Lauraine" Shook was born August 18, 1940, at Lander Flats, Cochecton Township, Sullivan County, New York. She graduated from Monticello High School in 1959, attended Sullivan County Community College, and became genealogist for the Sullivan County Historical Society in 1970. She was appointed Sullivan County Genealogist in 1980 and was certified at Washington, D.C., in the same year.

She married at Monticello, New York, on June 27, 1959, Frederick Charles Horbak. He was born in Monticello, New York, on August 28, 1935, and drives a uke for Teamster Local 445 at Dutchess Quarry and Supply. He will reitre in five years.

Their only surviving child, Lorry-Lynn Horbak, was born at Monticllo, New York, on October 26, 1960, and graduated from Fallsburg Central High School in 1979. She works in the business office at Sullivan County Community College. She married December 21, 1985, Robert Wayne Irwin. Her husband is a business agent for A.T.&.T.

William John Horbak died at birth January 28, 1971.

by Lauraine Horbak

SHOPE, IDA ELIZABETH (COUNTRYMAN)

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The John A. Countryman family, taken in 1889 on the northwest side of the Countryman home. Front row left to right: George (6 years), John A. (34), Ida (8), and Nancy Ellen (28). Back row: cousins.

Fulfilled Promise to John A. Countryman

Ida, of John A., of Isiah.

The Countryman heritage has a deep meaning to me. I, Ellen (McMath) Lambert, daughter of Iva Mae (Countryman) McMath, second daughter of John A. and Nancy Ellen (Logan) Countryman, have inherited their loved home and farm land from the estate of their first daughter, Ida Elizabeth (Countryman) Shope and her daughter, my cousin Mabel (Shope) Scott. John A. and Nancy Ellen's parents, Isiah and Sarah (Crull) Countryman and Andrew J. and Mary Logan, gave them each 40 adjoining acres.

The farm is located on the southeast corner of road 600 East and 1000 South in Jackson Township of Cass County, 2½ miles west of Lincoln, Indiana, near Grissom Air Base. Grandpa John built their spacious home and farm buildings from their own timber.

All three of their children, Ida Elizabeth, George Logan, and Iva Mae, were born at home.

In 1898 Uncle George and my mother, Iva Mae, had scarlet fever. Uncle George, age 15, died October 22, 1898; Mother lost all her curly hair.

It was a heartbreaking time. Grandmother was not well and died of cancer September 16, 1900. Uncle George and Grandmother Ellen were buried in the Countryman lots at the Galveston, Indiana cemetery.

Mother was six years old when Grandmother died. Mother often talked about the sad years that followed with Papa. They spent some winter months with Grandpa's cousin at Milford, Indiana.

Mother's first year of school was in Milford. There they met a school teacher, Della Linan Hall. I do not know the date Grandma and Grandpa married. Now Mother had a new mother, big brother, Jim, and later a little sister, Wilodean. We children loved Grandma Della, big Uncle Jim, and our Auntie Dean.

I have treasured memories of Thanksgiving at Grandpa and Grandma Countryman's. The wonderful fragrances of Grandma's goodies in the pantry and that wake-up call at breakfast time. As we came down the long stairs, we could smell the Postum and ham, and then when entering the dining room, sensing the very special feeling of devotional togetherness.

Quietly taking our places, Grandma reading scripture, joining in with Grandpa singing a hymn and kneeling in front of our chairs for our prayers of thanks. We also had evening devotions. We children would later sit around Grandpa, near the base burner stove, eating apples from the cellar bin. Sometimes Grandpa would give us a taste of his scraped apple. Because of his teeth, he would cut his apple through the middle. It looked like a wheel. Then with a kitchen knife he would scrape a yummy mound of applesauce. I still sometimes eat an apple this way.

We loved to hear Grandpa play his mouth harp and sing, and playing his accordian. "Fraggie Went a Courtin'" and "Billy Boy, Billy Boy." Mother would join in playing the piano and we'd all sing hymns.

Until I graduated from Upland High School and started working in the post office, I always spent my summers with Aunt Ida (Countryman) Shope. We enjoyed doing our chores together. Often she said I helped "Mama" like you are helping "little Ellen" me. I was proud having Grandmother Ellen's name and her coloring, and also her freckles.

Aunt Ida had a neat little home. Grandpa had built a living and bedroom (with the most interesting "mysterious" storage walls) that he joined to her log cabin's big kitchen and little bedroom, which I loved — especially when it rained on the tin roof.

Grandpa would stop in to visit and often we would wave to each other in the adjoining fields or woods. Because of his crippling arthritis, he couldn't keep up the maintenance and farming as he always had. It was a great worry to him. It made us feel so sad for him. One day Aunt Ida said, "Don't worry, Papa. I'll buy our home place and fix it up the best I can." My summers helping Aunt Ida had a new meaning.

Aunt Ida was with Grandpa when he died in the fall of 1928. He was laid to rest in their Countryman lots at the Galveston cemetery.

Grandma Della moved in to Walton. She had a nice little home a block from where her son, my Uncle Jim Hall, had a grocery store.

My cousin, Mabel (Shope) Scott, and her husband, Zeke Z. Scott, had a nice farm home two miles from Aunt Ida's. (Mabel and Zeke were very special to us three children.) On Saturday they would take me into Grandma Countryman's. I'd wash and set her hair. I also enjoyed the Walton young people's church activities.

During Grandma's last illness in 1950, Mother came back and stayed with her. Grandma was also buried beside Grandpa Countryman in the Galveston cemetery.

In 1954 Aunt Ida built the first R.E.M.C.

electric heated home in Cass County, but not before she had fulfilled her promise to Grandpa by buying the home place and fixing it up as best she could. Aunt Ida was 80 when she quietly went to sleep. She was buried beside her husband and little granddaughter in the Galveston Cemetery.

by Ellen (McMath) Lambert

SIDERIDES, PHYLLIS MAXINE (COUNTRYMAN)

F483

The Siderides family. Left to right: Phyllis Maxine, Nick, Diana, and Nick, Jr. Taken in Eagle, Idaho, September 1985.

Phyllis Maxine, of Glen, of Clarence, of Dennis, of Peter, of Conrad II, of Jacob, of Conrad I, of Johann Fredriech.

Phyllis Maxine Countryman was born August 26, 1924, in Marcus, Iowa. She was known as Maxine until she started working. The family moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1936 and Maxine graduated from Central High School in 1942. She worked as a secretary at Donaldson's department store and later at the *Minnepolis Star & Tribune* . She met Nicholas Siderides when she went to spend her vacation in New Jersey with Aunt Maud (Countryman) and Uncle Fritz Meinecke. They were married August 29, 1948.

Nick was born in Union City, New Jersey, on November 12, 1914. He attended New York Military Academy in Cornwall, New York, and graduated from Dickenson High School in Jersey City, New Jersey. He became a commercial pilot and was a flight instructor at Randolph Field in Texas. In 1942 he joined the Air Corp Ferry Command, which later became the Military Air Transport Command. He was commissioned in the Air Force and served three years in the China, Burma, India Theatre. He was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with cluster and a presidential citation. He was discharged with the rank of captain in 1946 when he took over his father's jewelry store in Union City, New Jersey.

Maxine and Nick have two children, Nick, Jr., born January 4, 1950, and Diana Lynn, born April 16, 1952. Nicky graduated from Northrop Institute of Technology in 1973 and presently lives in Irvine, California. He worked for Rockwell in St. Louis, Missouri, and was transferred to California where he worked at the El Toro Air Force Base and later on the B-1 project. He now worke for I.A.I. and also operates a charter and flight school. He has been flying since he was 14 years old.

When Diana graduated from the State University of New York (SUNY) in 1973 she and two other graduates rode their horses across the country, New York to California. Diana has a degree in horse husbandry. She worked for Syntex in California before moving to Idaho where she lives at this time.

by Phyllis Maxine Siderides

SMITH - LOWELL

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Sybil Ann (Smith) and Jon M. Lowell, taken in 1972. Ann is the daughter of Dorothy (Countryman) Smith.

Sibyl Ann, of Dorothy (Countryman), of Floyd M., of James Alonzo, of Daniel, of John I, of John, of Conrad I.

Sibyl Ann, daughter of Dorothy Countryman and Vernon R. Smith, was born in Rochelle, Illinois, on August 31, 1939.

I graduated from Rochelle High School in 1957. At that point I abandoned Sibyl and started being known as Ann, my middle name.

I attended Lincoln College in Springfield, Illinois, and later transferred to Parsons College, Fairfield, Iowa. It was there I met Jon M. Lowell, son of Ethel and Felix Lowell of Cleveland, Ohio. Jon was born November 25, 1942. Our Christmas wedding was changed to November 29, 1964, at a chapel on the Ft. Sam Houston Army Base, San Antonio, Texas, as Jon received his orders to serve in Vietnam and would not be given leave before shipping out. We had only a few days together before he left the country for one year.

When he returned from the war we took up residency in Tucson, Arizona, where Jon first attended college and was later employed as a lab technician in a hospital.

We moved to San Antonio, Texas, in 1972, where Jon is employed as a civilian at the Fort Sam Houston army hospital.

by Mrs. Gregory Saxum

SMITH - SAXUM

F485

Muriel Kay, of Dorothy (Countryman), of Floyd M., of James Alonzo, of Daniel, of John I, of John, of Conrad I.

Muriel Kay, daughter of Dorothy Countryman and Vernon R. Smith, was born in Rochelle, Illinois, on September 3, 1934.

I lived for a short time in Steward, Illinois, and then moved to Rochelle, Illinois, when the new bank was established there. Except for legal documents, I have always been known as Kay.

I graduated from Rochelle High School in June 1952. I attended Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois, and graduated in June 1956 with a degree in speech/education.

On August 18, 1956, I married Gregory A. Saxum, whom I met at Monmouth College. Greg is the son of Lillian Paulson and Leonard Saxum, Princeton, Illinois. He was born March 4, 1935, and was an only child.

We lived in Monmouth for one year while Greg completed his B.A. degree. I taught sixth grade. In 1957 we moved to West Branch, Iowa, where I taught speech and English in the high school for three years while Greg attended the University of Iowa law school. He graduated and was admitted to the Iowa Bar in June 1960.

Muriel Kay (Smith) and Gregory A. Saxum, taken in 1972. Kay is the daughter of Dorothy (Countryman) Smith.

Todd Gregory Saxum, grandson of Dorothy (Countryman) Smith, taken in 1979.

At that point we headed closer to our original Countryman "roots" by moving to Buffalo, New York, where Greg worked for Bethlehem Steel Corporation for 24 years.

Our son, Todd Gregory Saxum, was born August 18, 1961, to help us celebrate our fifth wedding anniversary. Our daughter, Amy Wynne Saxum, was born July 2, 1964. Todd attended Florida Institute of Technology for a year and decided not to pursue oceanography as a career. He is preparing for a job in computer repair. Amy will graduate from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, in December 1986.

Greg and I moved to Rochester, New York, in January 1985 when Bethlehem Steel Corporation closed almost all of its New York operation. Greg joined Kodak as its corporate head of workers' compensation, legal department.

by Mrs. Gregory Saxum

Amy Wynne Saxum, granddaughter of Dorothy (Countryman) Smith, taken in 1982.

SMITH, RODNEY V.

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Rodney, of Dorothy (Countryman), of Floyd M., of James Alonzo, of Daniel, of John I, of John, of Conrad I.

Rodney V. Smith, son of Dorothy (Countryman) and Vernon R. Smith, was born August 31, 1931. He wed Joan Marks, born March 1933, on January 11, 1952; they were divorced in 1955. They had one son, Mark V. Smith, born April 17, 1953.

Rodney was rewed on December 20, 1958, to Jacqueline J. Langmaid, born March 13, 1935. They had four children: Thad W. Smith, born September 21, 1960; Eric E. Smith, born November 21, 1962; Lynn Ellen Smith, born June 17, 1964; and Joel S. Smith, born July 19, 1966.

Rod Smith presently lives in Walnut Creek, California.

by Rodney V. Smith

SMITH, VERNON & DOROTHY (COUNTRYMAN)

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Dorothy (Countryman) and Vernon R. Smith, taken in 1972.

Dorothy, of Floyd, of James Alonzo, of Daniel, of John I, of John, of Conrad I, of Johan Frederich.

Dorothy, daughter of Floyd M. and Marion (Pullin) Countryman, was born in Lindenwood, Illinois, on December 8, 1904.

Dorothy was raised on the family farm (Countryman Stock Farm) and graduated from Rochelle High School. She lived with her grandparents, Carrie and James Alonzo Countryman, in Rochelle while attending school because her parents didn't want to have her "commute" that long distance (seven miles) from the farm each day as her brothers did.

After graduating from high school, Dorothy taught in a one-room country school near Lindenwood. During the summers she attended college in DeKalb and Bloomington, Illinois.

She met Vernon R. Smith, son of Mary Ellen and Whitfield Smith, born December 10, 1899, in Steward, Illinois, when he rented her grandparents' barn for his car. They were married on June 29, 1927, in a garden wedding at her parents' farm in Lindenwood.

They resided in Steward, Illinois, where Vernon was employed by the bank. They moved to Rochelle after the collapse of the Steward Bank during the Depression. Vernon and several other men started the First National Bank of Rochelle where he worked until his retirement in 1972.

Dorothy and Vernon had three children: Rodney V. Smith, born August 31, 1931; Muriel Kay Smith, born September 3, 1934; and Sibyl Ann Smith, born August 31, 1939.

Dorothy died October 19, 1973. Vernon died August 13, 1983. They are buried in the mausoleum at Lawnridge Cemetery, Rochelle, Illinois.

by Mrs. Gregory Saxum

SNYDER, CARL & EDNA (DENNIS)

F488

Carl, of Eugene, of Nelson, of Jacob, of Margaret (Countryman), of Johannes, of Conrad 1, of John Frederick.

Carl Snyder was born October 28, 1892, in the town of Fowler, St. Lawrence County, New York. He was the son of Eugene and Marcia (Farmer) Snyder. He started in school in the rural school near his home. When he was quite young, the family moved to Watertown, New York. He attended Mead Street School. About 1910 the family moved to a farm near Clifford, Town of Palermo, Oswego County, New York.

Edna Dennis was the daughter of George and Lucia (Card) Dennis. She was born July 19, 1886. She lived with her father, the second house from where the Snyders lived. Carl and Edna were married March 19, 1912, and they lived with Edna's father. Carl and his father-in-law ran a grocery store at Clifford. In 1918 they gave up the store and moved to a farm on the same road, a mile beyond where they had been living.

In 1927 Carl became employed at the Taggart Paper Mill in Oswego, New York. The farm was sold and they moved to Oswego. Carl died September 22, 1964, and Edna died March 5, 1985. They are buried in Riverside Cemetery, Oswego, New York. They had two children, Gladys and George.

Gladys was born August 4, 1912. She attended rural school District #11 in the Town of Palermo, Oswego County, New York. For two years she boarded with her grandparents, Eugene and Marcia Snyder, and attended Fulton High School. She completed her high school education is a

commercial course at Oswego High School, graduating in 1930. She worked in several offices, mainly the Chevrolet garage and a men's clothing store. She retired in 1975 after working 33 years for Frank G. Wells, Inc., in Oswego, New York. On May 28, 1954, she married William W. Metcalf, who was a retired teacher. William was born August 15, 1885, and died July 8, 1963. His first wife was Sarah Copeland, daughter of Leonard and Cornelia (Mullen) Copeland. William and Sarah had two children, Lois and Leonard C.

George was born May 15, 1915, and married November 5, 1938, to Kathryn Wilson, daughter of Eugene and Mary (Dwyer) Wilson of Fulton, New York. George was in the CCC and in the Air Force during World War II. He was a member of the Oswego police department, retiring in 1980 as captain of the detectives. They had 11 children, Dennis, Ann, Carol, Geraldine, Marion, Ellen, Thomas, Kathleen, Patricia Ann, Debra Jean, and Kevin.

by Mrs. William Metcalf

SNYDER, EUGENE & MARCIA (FARMER)

F489

Eugene, of Nelson, of Jacob, of Margaret (Countryman), of Johannes, of Conrad 1, of John Frederick.

Eugene A. Snyder and Marcia I. Farmer, daughter of Samuel and Eliza (Durst) Farmer, were married December 6, 1876. He was born in Ellisburg, Jefferson County, New York, on November 3, 1854. She was born in Potsdam, New York, on June 20, 1855. They lived in St. Lawrence County, New York; Watertown, New York; Oswego County, New York; and Fulton, New York. He was a farmer, but when he lived in Watertown he worked for a coal company. In Fulton, he worked at a feed mill and later a coal company. Eugene died October 19, 1941, in Oswego, New York, and Marcia died April 18, 1930, in Watertown, New York. They are buried in North Watertown Cemetery, Watertown, New York. They had four children:

(1) Eve E. was born November 12, 1877, and died in February 1878.

(2) Lula E. was born February 24, 1880, and married Willard Liscum, son of Harrison Liscum and Elizabeth Mohara. He was born December 4, 1874. They always lived on farms in St. Lawrence County, New York. They had ten children, Luella, Grace, Lloyd, Don, Marcia, Fay, Roy, Lee, Lucy, and Joel. Lulu died December 12, 1958, and Willard died September 23, 1963. They are buried in Riverside Cemetery, Gouverneur, New York.

(3) Everett E. was born March 5, 1881. He married Alice Wilcox, daughter of Ira and Ida (Towsley) Wilcox. She died November 13, 1923. They had three children, Edna, Floyd, and Dorothy. Edna was born December 9, 1910, and died December 30, 1920. Floyd was born June 19, 1914, and died August 20, 1963. He was a bus driver. He was married three times, to Edith Mae George, Elizabeth Voodre, and Lela Baskey. There were no children. Dorothy, born January 23, 1918, married Vernon B. Gayne on June 24, 1939. He was the son of Floyd Gayne and Louise Staie, and was born May 11, 1919. They had six children, Diane Alice, Vernon B., Jr., Renee Louise, John Everett, Bruce Floyd, and Michael Edward. They always lived in Watertown, New York. Everett married Dona (Hughes) Rivers for his second wife. She had two children, Eloise and Frederick Rivers. Everett died October 27, 1936, and is buried in N. Watertown Cemetery, Watertown, New York.

(4) Carl M. was born October 28, 1892, in St. Lawrence County, New York. He married Edna L. Dennis, daughter of George and Lucia (Card) Dennis. They were married March 19, 1912. Carl died in Marcy, Oneida County, New York, September 22, 1964, and Edna died in Oswego, New York, March 5, 1985. They are buried in Riverside Cemetery, Oswego, New York. They had two children, Gladys and George.

by Mrs. William Metcalf

SNYDER, GEORGE & KATHRYN (WILSON)

F490

George, of Carl, of Eugene, of Nelson, of Jacob, of Margaret (Countryman), of Johannes, of Conrad 1, of John Frederick.

George was born May 12, 1915, at Clifford, Oswego County, New York. He attended Palermo School District 11 until the family moved to Oswego, New York, in 1928. He graduated from Fitzhugh Park School and the Oswego High School in 1934. There was no work in those days so he was with the CCC in Bryson City, North Carolina, and Lovelock, Nevada. On his return, he worked at the Oswego Soy Bean Company and the St. Regis Paper Company. On September 1, 1942, he was appointed to the Oswego city police department. In 1980 he retired from the police force as captain of detectives.

George married Kathryn Wilson, daughter of Eugene and Mary (Dwyer) Wilson of Fulton, New York, on November 5, 1938. Kathryn was born March 31, 1918. She was educated in the Fulton schools.

George served in the Air Force during World War II.

There were 11 children born to George and Kathryn:

(1) Dennis was born July 1, 1939. He married Margaret Doyle November 30, 1963. She was the daughter of Joseph and Louise (Tifft) Doyle. Dennis is employed at the Alcan Aluminum Company in Oswego, New York. They have three children, Denise, Timothy, and William.

(2) Ann was born October 8, 1941. She married Paul Krawczyk May 4, 1963. They were divorced and she married Sydney Cooper January 12, 1979. She drove school bus for the Oswego school district and then was dispatcher of the buses. There are two children, Brian Cooper and Patricia Cooper.

(3) Carol was born May 2, 1944. She married Philip Gioia October 31, 1964. They had two children, Anthony and Antoinette. They were divorced and she married Fred Tryon March 31, 1974. They have a daughter, Lillian Mary.

(4) Geraldine was born June 4, 1947. She married Ray Weldin October 9, 1965. They are divorced. They had three children, Kim, Shawn, and Eric. She married Francis Falanga as her second husband. He works at the Sealright Corp. in Fulton and she is a licensed practical nurse.

(5) Marion was born December 27, 1948. She married Roger Van Buren January 4, 1967. They are divorced. She is a licensed practical nurse at the Oswego hospital. She has two children, James and Amy.

(6) Ellen was born September 8, 1950. She married Harvey Hollenbeck February 14, 1969. They are divorced. They had three girls, Kelley, Shelly, and Coleen. She married Matthew Bevacqua and they have a son, Matthew.

(7) Thomas was born November 22, 1952. He married Gloria Castaldo June 20, 1975. They are divorced and have a son, Adam.

(8) Kathleen was born August 23, 1956. She married Michael Amedio July 13, 1974. They have two daughters, Stephanie and Stacie.

(9) Patricia Ann was born September 28, 1958. She died March 29, 1978, from asphyxiation. She had graduated from Oswego High School and was working in an office. She is buried in Riverside Cemetery, Oswego, New York.

(10) Debra Jean was born August 2, 1960.

(11) Kevin was born March 9, 1962.

by Mrs. William Metcalf

SNYDER, JACOB & MARGARET (COUNTRYMAN)

F491

Margaret, of Johannes, of Conrad 1, of John Frederick.

Jacob was the son of John Snyder, a Revolutionary War soldier. He married Margaret Countryman. Margaret was the daughter of Johannes and Rachel (Pickard) Countryman.

Jacob was born in Montgomery County, New York, June 27, 1800. He married Sarah Countryman on October 5, 1819. Sarah was born August 3, 1795, the daughter of Conrad the 3rd and Catherine Miller. This made her and Jacob distant cousins.

To Jacob and Sarah were born six children. Margaret (born July 18, 1820, died February 27, 1896) married Joseph Shoecraft. Marianna (Mary) (born September 18, 1822, died April 1, 1899) married Jacob Sterling. Catharine (born June 23, 1824, died July 6, 1901) married Lewis Barber. Solomon (born July 9, 1826, died –?–) married Philena Wilder. Nancy (born July 5, 1828, died December 14, 1901) married Hiriam Remington. George Oliver Nelson (born March 2, 1831, died March 23, 1903) married Emily Reeves.

Sarah must have died when George Oliver Nelson was born or soon after, as Jacob married Ann Griffith in 1833. Jacob and Ann had six children: Sarah Ann, Mariah, Martha, Delia, Jacob H., and Delaney.

Jacob was a farmer and moved from Montgomery County to Herkimer County, and then to St. Lawrence and Oswego County, New York. After Ann Griffith's death, Jacob married Sally Pike. Jacob died June 13, 1884. He is buried in North Boylston Cemetery, Oswego County, New York.

by Mrs. William Metcalf

SNYDER, NELSON & EMILY (REEVES)

F492

Nelson Snyder and Emily (Reeves) Snyder.

Snyder family reunion in Watertown, New York, in 1929. Seated left to right: Edwin Snyder, Marcia Snyder, and Florence Snyder. Standing left to right: Fred Clark, Maude (Snyder) Clark, Andrew Snyder, Agnes Snyder, Eugene Snyder, Hazel Snyder, and Henry Snyder.

George Oliver Nelson, of Sarah (Countryman), of Johannes, of Conrad 1, of John Frederick.

Christened George Oliver Nelson Snyder, he was better known as Nelson Snyder. He was the son of Jacob Snyder and Sarah Countryman. He was born March 2, 1831. He married Emily Reeves of St. Lawrence County, New York. She was born December 6, 1838. She mysteriously disappeared from Emeryville, St. Lawrence County, New York, in the late 1880s. Nelson went to live near a son, James, in Chippewa Falls, Mecosta County, Michigan. He died March 23, 1903, and is buried in Michigan. Nelson and Emily had seven children:

(1) Eugene A. was born November 3, 1854, in Ellisburg, Jefferson County, New York. He married Marcia I. Farmer in Gouverneur, New York, on December 6, 1876. She was the daughter of Samuel and Eliza (Durst) Farmer. Marcia died in Watertown April 18, 1930, and Eugene died in Oswego, New York, October 29, 1941. Both are buried in the N. Watertown Cemetery, Watertown, New York. They had four children, Eva, Lulu, Everett, and Carl.

(2) Frank was born about 1855. He was unmarried and died August 19, 1897, at the age of 42. He is buried in DeKalb Cemetery, St. Lawrence County, New York.

(3) James Snyder was born April 30, 1865, in St. Lawrence County. He married Mary Ann Nott and they lived in the town of Chippewa, Mecosta County, Michigan. He died June 9, 1922, and is buried in Chippewa Lake Cemetery, Michigan. There were two children, Leon and Gertrude.

(4) Andrew Snyder was born June 22, 1864, and lived most of his life in the town of Fowler, St. Lawrence County, New York. He married Agnes Jewel Clark Cleary October 10, 1887. She was born November 25, 1871. He died February 17, 1936, and she died May 4, 1946. They are buried in the Hailesboro Cemetery, St. Lawrence County, New York. They had three children, Alice, Jessie, and Kenneth. Alice, born October 22, 1889, was married to Alfred Hendricks August 19, 1907. She died April 27, 1965. There were three children, Don, Gladys, and Leta. Jessie, born March 18, 1892, was married to Clarence Ratigan. She died January 11, 1977. Their two children were Agnes and Lyle. Kenneth was born May 27, 1908, and died in December 1984. He married Mildred Martin June 27, 1931. They had two children, Sharon and Kenneth.

(5) Edwin, born July 23, 1867, married Florence (Buck) Farmer May 20, 1908. Florence was the widow of Myron Farmer and had a daughter, Helena Farmer. Florence was born November 5, 1884. They lived in Oswego, New York, and he worked at the Oswego Shade Cloth. He died October 21, 1947, and she died November 7, 1982. Both are buried in Riverside Cemetery, Oswego, New York. They had two children, Nelson and Louise.

(6) Henry was born April 22, 1871, and died September 14, 1937. He was married to Carrie Porter and they had three children, Myrtle, Nina, and Ernest. He married Hazel Burmister in 1922 for his second wife, and they had Lyle, who died young in an accident.

(7) Maude was born August 6, 1876. She married Fred Clark February 22, 1892, in Gouverneur, New York. They lived in Oswego most of their married life. Maude died June 28, 1933. Both are buried in Riverside Cemetery, Oswego, New York. They had three children, Mabel, Hazel, and Howard.

by Mrs. William Metcalf

SPRAGUE - SHOOK

F493

Clara Leota, of Etta Mae (Misner), of Cornelia A. (Countryman), of Matthew, of Levi, of Matthew, of Frederick, of Andreas Frantz, of Johann Frederick.

Clara Leota "Peggy" Sprague was born at Lake Huntington, New York, on April 22, 1922, and is living in Lutz, Florida. She married first on November 15, 1939, Donald E. Shook, who was born September 16, 1919. They were divorced in 1952 and she married second Domenick Lagonigro. Dom was born in Naples, Italy, on May 10, 1903, and died in Tampa, Florida, on May 15, 1985. The Shook children were:

(1) Clara "Lauraine" (Shook) Horbak, which see.

(2) Virginia Lois Shook, born at Parksville, New York, on December 13, 1941, married on April 30, 1961, to Louis A. Lanza. They are divorced and she is living at Smallwood, New York.

(3) Donald Legrand was born August 16, 1943, at Sussex, New Jersey, and died there December 18, 1943.

(4) Edgar William Shook was born January 8, 1945, at Briscoe, New York, and is living in Jacksonville, Florida. He married June 4, 1965, Patricia Ann Turnage.

(5) Stanley Robert Shook was born March 31, 1946, at Briscoe, New York, and died in an auto accident February 26, 1973. He married June 29, 1969, Veronica O'Dell.

by Lauraine Horbak

STEINMETZ, ELAINE (WILMETH)

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Elaine, of Marion, of Mabel Rose (Countryman), of John Ervin.

Elaine Rose Wilmeth was born April 17, 1940, in Toppenish, Washington. She received her grade school and high school education at Toppenish, graduating in 1958. After high school Elaine attended Whitworth College in Spokane, then Washington State University at Pullman, and later San Jose State University in California, where she received a degree in home economics.

On June 27, 1959, Elaine married Lloyd L. Steinmetz, who was born August 11, 1933, in Hardin, Big Horn County, Montana. From 1955 to 1957 he served in the armed forces, doing duty in Korea, and after his discharge he attended Whitworth College and Washington State University, where he earned a degree in electrical engineering. After college he was employed by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories, where he still works at this writing. During the early years of his employment he studied evenings at San Jose State University and in 1961 received a master's degree in electrical engineering.

Elaine and Lloyd made their home in Livermore, California, and Elaine taught home economics at Santa Clara Junior High School until the birth of their first child.

Scott Hayden Steinmetz was born May 7, 1965, and his brother, Joel Nimitz Steinmetz, was born February 28, 1969. Both children received their grade school education at Redwood Christian School in Castro Valley, and their high school education at Redwood Christian High School in Haywood. Scott graduated in 1983 and now attends California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo. Joel is, at this writing, a junior at Redwood Christion High School

Elaine and Lloyd have spent most of their married life in Livermore. Besides their two children and Lloyd's work, their interests are in their home, their church, and several types of sports activities.

by Charles Edgar Wilmeth

THIES - HUFFSTODT
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Elaine, of Irene (Countryman), of Horace, of Lewis, of Peter.

Elaine (Thies) Huffstodt is the daughter of Irene (Countryman) Thies, who was the daughter of Horace Countryman. Irene married Fred Thies in Yankton, South Dakota, on June 17, 1925. Their daughter Elaine was born on October 26, 1928, at Randolph, Nebraska, where she lived until 1952. At that time she moved to Mount Vernon, Skagit County, Washington. She married Howard Huffstodt in 1953 and still resides in Mount Vernon, Washington.

Five children were born to this union: Marilyn, born February 8, 1955; Nancy, born March 26, 1956; Dianne, born January 30, 1957; Norma, born March 19, 1960; and Ronald, born March 26, 1963. All of the children were born in Mount Vernon, Washington.

Marilyn married David Hambelton in 1976 and lives in Everett, Washington. She graduated from Washington State University with a degree in music. They have two children, a daughter, Teresa, born September 24, 1979, and a son, Alan, born November 20, 1981. Both children were born in Everett, Washington.

Nancy married Thomas Kingshott in 1978 and lives in Mount Vernon, Washington. She graduated from Washington State University with a degree in nursing. They have one son, Kyle, born in Mount Vernon, Washington, on December 3, 1981.

Diane lives in Kirkland, Washington. She graduated from Washington State University with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Norma lives in Seattle, Washington. She graduated from Washington State University with an accounting degree. She is a C.P.A.

Ronald lives in Mount Vernon, Washington.

by Elaine Huffstodt

THIES, DONALD & ANN MARIE (MOES)
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Donald, of Irene (Countryman), of Horace, of Lewis, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Ann Marie's father, Anton Moes, was born in David City, Nebraska, on November 28, 1899. In 1902, when he was three years old, his father, Ferdiend, took him and his two sisters and two brothers back to Luxemburg because their mother did not like living in the United States. In 1920, when Anton was 20 years old, he came across the ocean to David City.

In 1927 he moved to Chicago. While there he worked at many jobs such as window washer, chauffer, and ice carrier. There he met Dorothy Wellner who was born at Whitelaw, Wisconsin, on July 1, 1904. She was working in Chicago as a housekeeper. They married on June 9, 1931, and moved to Osmond, Nebraska, in 1934. They have lived through the Depression, grasshoppers, and

The Donald Thies family. The picture was taken for their 25th anniversary, April 4, 1984. Standing left to right: Steven Daniel, Jeffery Donald, Donald Gene (father), Gregory Gene, and Lisa Marie. Seated left to right: Deborah Ann, Ann Marie (mother), and Christine Marie.

the "Dirty Thirties."

Ann Marie Moes and Donald Gene Thies were married April 4, 1959, at Osmond, Nebraska. Don was born October 23, 1934, in Randolph, Nebraska. He is the son of Fred and Irene (Countryman) Thies. He has one sister and three brothers. He graduated from Belden High in 1952. Don went to the service where he was in Japan for 14 months. Later, he started farming, which he is still doing today. His hobby is airplanes. He has his private pilot license and has a 1947 Stinson Voyager at his home place where he has an airstrip.

Ann Marie, born July 27, 1937, at Osmond, Nebraska, is the oldest of three sisters and has three brothers. She graduated in 1956 from Osmond High and worked for two years at the Osmond General Hospital and for two years at Dawson Oil as a bookkeeper. She enjoys crocheting, gardening, and ceramics.

They have lived on their farm for 26 years, during which they have raised six children. Gregory Gene was born March 27, 1960; he married Joan Hefner on November 6, 1982. Greg works for Carhart Lumber and Joan works at the Colonial Manor. They have one son, Kenneth Adam, born June 8, 1984. Deborah Ann, born March 5, 1961, married Warren Brunssen on June 13, 1981. They farm northeast of Randolph and have one daughter, Tanya Ann, born April 11, 1985. Born on August 9, 1962, Christine Marie works in Norfolk, Nebraska, as secretary to the city clerk. January 24, 1964, is the birthdate of Steven Daniel. He is employed by Terra Chemicals. Jeffery Donald, born March 19, 1965, farms with his father. Lisa Marie was born April 5, 1967, and graduated in 1985. She is attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and has a major in elementary education.

During their farming, they have milked cows, raised hogs and feeder cattle. Ann Marie has always enjoyed raising chickens and her garden, and Don enjoys his airplane and giving rides to anyone who asks for one.

They have two grandchildren whom they love dearly. So between them, farming, and their family, they are kept busy. For their 25th anniversary they went to Hawaii for eight days; however, that was not long enough. They enjoyed every minute of it.

by Mrs. Donald Thies

THIES, FRED & IRENE (COUNTRYMAN)
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Fred and Irene (Countryman) Thies.

Irene, of Horace, of Lewis, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Fred William Thies, Jr., was born May 3, 1895, at Violet, Nebraska. He had three brothers and three sisters, Henery, Raymond, Frank, Emma, Elsie, and Francis. Fred is the only one still alive. He and his brothers were all farmers.

While Fred was young, he and his family lived many places. They moved from Steinauer, Nebraska, to Coleridge, Nebraska, in a covered wagon, a trip of 200 miles. They lived there for three years. Then they moved to the old Graham farm where he started country school. In those days the children ranged in age groups, some as old as 20 years old. His first teacher was Sadie Conley. They they moved to the Randolph, Nebraska, area then to Eldorado Springs, Missouri, where they lived for one year.

In 1904, he traded his farm for a threshing machine. Fred, Sr., said, "That was the best trade I ever made." After three years, they moved to Lake Andes, South Dakota. According to reports, that is where he made his money. While they were living there, they had many good Indian friends. They then moved back to Tecumseh, Nebraska.

When he was 22, he went to Camp Funston, Kansas, and trained as a machine gunner. The average life of a gunner was nine minutes. He was still in camp when World War I was over. After the war, Fred farmed one year in Johnson County, Nebraska, and then moved to Cedar County, Nebraska,

where he lives now.

During his early years Fred played for many barn dances. In January 1924 he played the concertina over Omaha radio station WAOW and the Palace Hall. Fred, also a violinist, composed a song, "Just Thinking," which was published in 1923. The Orpheum Circut urged him to go on with his career professionally, but Fred enjoyed playing locally and farming.

He met Irene Countryman in 1922 at her cousin Arch Bacon's home where he played the concertina for a dance. They were married June 17, 1925, at Yankton, South Dakota.

Irene was born April 12, 1904. She was a school teacher and she taught four months after they were married. They have five children.

Richard was born April 16, 1927. He married Eileen Smizer on August 5, 1948. They now farm in Randolph, Nebraska, and have six children, one of whom is deceased, and three grandchildren.

Elaine, their only daughter, was born October 20, 1928. She became the bride of Howard Huffstodt on September 25, 1953. Howard is now retired from the Northern Railroad. They have five children and three grandchildren.

Dale was born June 25, 1931. He married Ruth Ritter on May 25, 1958. They farm and operate a cafe in Sterling, Nebraska. They are the parents of three children and the grandparents of two.

Donald was born October 23, 1934; he married Ann Marie Moes on April 4, 1959. They farm in Randolph, and have six children and two grandchildren.

Born August 16, 1945, was Larry. He married Nancy Rhode October 10, 1964. They operate a tire shop in Tecumseh. They are the parents of five children.

Fred and Irene are both living. Irene is in the Colonial Manor, and Fred spends his winters there. During the summer, Fred moves back out to the farm. He still enjoys fishing. They celebrated their 60th anniversary and Fred's 90th birthday on May 26, 1985, with an open house. Many friends and relatives were present. Fred and Irene have 25 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

by Donald Thies

THIES, RICHARD & EILEEN (SMIZER)

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Richard Eldon Thies and Doris Eileen Smizer, daughter of Fred and Emma (Brekenfeld) Smizer, were married August 5, 1948. The wedding took place at St. Francis Church in Randolph, Nebraska. Our honeymoon lasted nearly one month as we went to Denver, Colorado, Yellowstone National Park, Mt. Vernon, Washington, and homeward through the Black Hills.

Richard, also known as Dick, is the oldest in a family of three brothers and one sister. I am also the oldest in my family of four sisters and one brother. Dick was born to Fred and Irene (Countryman) Thies April 16, 1927, on a farm northeast of Randolph. I was

Four generations: Estella, Horace, Vonnie Thies, Jan, Irene (Countryman) Thies, and Dick Thies. Photo taken for a 60th anniversary celebration.

born May 19, 1929, at Burke, South Dakota. Dick graduated from Belden High School in 1944 and then entered the Marine Corps for one year. I graduated from Burke High School in 1947 and then got a job in Norfolk, Nebraska, where I first met Dick. He was working at Petring Ford Motor Company and I at Geist Drug Store until we moved to Randolph and began farming in 1949.

To this union six children were born: Vonnie Arens, Jan Hoile, Bill, Brad (deceased), Marty, and Theresa. Vonnie married Rick Arens from Crofton, Nebraska, and presently lives in Randolph. They have three children, Abie, Erick and Chad. Vonnie is an elementary teacher and is presently teaching at Sacred Heart in Norfolk. Jan married Dick Hoile and now lives in Norfolk. She works as a nurse at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital. Bill is interested in construction, remodeling, etc., and lives in Austin, Texas. Bradley was killed in a hunting accident in 1971. Marty presently farms with Dick and some on his own. Theresa is a junior at Mount Marty College, Yankton, South Dakota, where she is entering the field of education.

The children attended country school until it closed in 1964 and then they went to St. Francis Parochial in Randolph. After that school closed, they went to the public schools in Randolph. We attended St. Francis Church throughout the years.

We get together for all the birthdays and holidays, and also enjoyed having company and visitors and friends. In the fall, after we dug potatoes, Grandpa Fred would prepare potato pancakes. That got to be a big job as the little grandchildren grew up and so did the appetites. After corn picking, we got together for oyster stew — tradition was important. Many fond memories of Grandpa playing the concertina were developed at our gatherings. We also had many fun times when we went up to Burke to see my side of the family.

We've always grown corn, soybeans, alfalfa and some oats. Along with these, we raised cattle and hogs. The small farm and neighborhood gatherings have slipped away and the bigger and busier hasn't proven to be the answer, either. We've seen farming go from 160 acres to 1120 acres. There have been many changes in our 37 years of farming. The past two years agricultural prices have been very low for both grain and livestock. Farmers' cost of production, interest rates, telephone, insurance rates, cost of living, etc., have steadily increased, thus promoting many forclosures, bankruptcies, and farm sales. The small businesses and small towns are also suffering. We hope our politicians can understand and leave some young families to take the reins and provide a decent living.

by Eileen Thies

THOMPSON - PFEIFFER

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The Lary Pfeiffer family: Pamela is holding Renee, who had just been baptized; Lary is holding Nichole.

Pamela, of Ruth (Countryman), of Myrlin, of William, of Abraham, of Henry.

Pamela Louise Thompson was born to Jack and Ruth (Countryman) Thompson October 21, 1954, in Morrison, Illinois (Whiteside County). She attended Tampico, Centerville, and Prophetstown schools, graduating from Prophetstown High School in 1972. She enjoys playing the piano. Pam graduated from Moline Public Hospital School of Nursing, Moline, Illinois, and received her R.N. in the fall of 1975. She is still working at that hospital part time.

Pam married Lary Wayne Pfeiffer September 4, 1976. Lary is the only son of Francis and Mavis (Glawe) Pfeiffer of Vergas, Minnesota. He has two sisters, Kay and Kim. Lary graduated from Perham High School and Detroit Lakes Diesel School in Minnesota. He has since been employed at the Franciscan Hospital energy plant in Rock Island, Illinois. Lary started building a house in Moline, Illinois, before he and Pam were married, and they moved into it shortly after they were married. Several years later he built another house and they moved into it in 1980. Lary loves to hunt and fish. Lary and Pam are members of the Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Moline, Illinois.

Nichole Marie was born September 17, 1980, and Renee Louise was born July 3, 1985, to Lary and Pamela (Thompson) Pfeiffer.

by Ruth Thompson

THOMPSON, CHARLES & FLORENCE (COUNTRYMAN)

F500

The Canadian Countrymans — Florence, of Weart, of John, of Martin.

Martin Countryman was my great-grandfather, but we do not know who his wife was, or any dates. John Countryman, son of Martin, was my grandfather. He was married to Mary Jane Potts, who died in May 1912 due to arthritis and rheumatism. Grandfather John died at our home in Madoc Township, Ontario, choking on a pickle in August 1923. Jennie, my sister, and I were the only ones there. Their family was Weart, Florence Alberta, and Ethel Jane.

Weart Countryman died in 1917. He was married to Florence Bateman, a very young woman. They had three children, Hilda, Clare, and Wilbur. She moved from the farm near Tweed, Ontario, to Belleville, Ontario, took a business course, raised her children, saw they had an education, and then raised her granddaughter Lorraine and gave her a wedding in September 1954.

Ethel Jane Countryman married Charles Clarke. Aunt Ethel died in September 1944. She had twin boys that died at birth and a daughter, Elva. Elva married Samuel Curry, publisher of the *Tweed News* . After his death she was remarried to S.A. Anderson in June 1966(?). Her daughter, Starr Curry, is a social worker in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Her son, Kent Curry, lives in Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada. Both are unmarried.

Florence Alberta Countryman, my mother, was born in 1880 and married Charles Thompson on June 3, 1903. They lived on a farm in Madoc Township, Ontario. Dad died on November 13, 1938. Electricity was coming into the rural area and our house was being wired. Mother remained with Allan until 1945, when he was married, then came to Belleville to live with me. She died May 23, 1954, of a stroke. Their children were Hazel Mary (and her twin brother who died at birth), Jennie Lois, John Archibold, and Charles Allan.

Hazel Mary Thompson was born November 13, 1906. She was a teacher in elementary school for 40 years, retiring in 1967. For a part-time job she acted as escort for a travel company until 1979, and is interested in travel to Europe, Asia, Africa, and Austrailia.

Jennie Lois Thompson was born July 6, 1908. After two years of high school she remained at home to help on the farm. She married John W. Moore , a farmer at Queensboro, Ontario, on June 2, 1934. They had five children. *Jack Thompson* was born July 20, 1935, and died of influenza on October 1, 1936. *Jean Lois* and her *twin brother* were born December 12, 1936. Jean is a teacher, married to Ray Wagner, an undertaker. Their daughter, Jan Merideth Wagner, was born in July 1969. *Patricia Gwen* was born April 4, 1938. A secretary, she was married June 2, 1962, to Douglas Burnside and they have two sons, Scott Moore Burnside, born in June 1963, and Blair Francis Burnside, born in May 1965. *Carol Elizabeth* was born May 24, 19–. She is a teacher, married in July of 1965 to John Devitt. Their two boys are Jeffery Devitt, born in June 1969, and Gregory Devitt, born in 1971. They live in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada.

John Archibold Thompson was born October 18, 1911, and married Marguerite Rollins on September 12, 1937. John farmed. Miller had a stroke in 1975, retired unable to work. They had four children. *Douglas Rollins* was born in September 1939. He graduated from Queens University and is a science teacher at Etobicoke High, Toronto, interested in travel. He is not married. *Mary Lamoine* was born in August 1941. She trained as a nurse (industrial nurse). She married Bill Lurekko in September 1965 and they have two children, Mary Jill Lwekko, born in February 1970, and Andrew Thompson Lwekko, born in October 1972. *Joyce Elaine* was born November 13, 1944, and was trained as a teacher (elementary primary). She married Ludwig Kapusata on December 23, 1967. They have three children: Kai Thompson Kapusata, born December 1975; Marcus Rollins Kapusata, born in June 1981, Toronto; and Mary Thompson Kapusata, born in November 1982, Bronxville, New York. *Robert John* was born March 14, 1954. He works on the farm and helps to look after his parents. He is not married.

Charles Allan Thompson was born August 31, 1915. He married Ella Fleming in October 1944. They live on a farm, very busy with cows and pigs. They are very busy people. They have no children.

This was compiled by memory.

by Hazel M. Thompson

THOMPSON, JACK & RUTH (COUNTRYMAN)

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Jack Thompson, daughter Beth Adele, wife Ruth (Countryman), and son Duane Allan, taken in 1986.

Ruth, of Myrlin, of William, of Abraham, of Henry.

Ruth Sylvia Countryman was born to Myrlin and Louise Mildred (Simpson) Countryman September 30, 1931, in Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois. Mother died February 18, 1933, from endocarditis; now we are wondering if it could have been related to lupus arthritis. Our daughter Pamela has lupus arthritis.

My father married Alice Louise Larson on August 23, 1941. She was a blessing to all the family.

We were members of the Zion Evangelical Church in Hooppole, Illinois. I started playing the piano for Sunday School at the age of 12, later playing the organ for church services. I attended the Hoppole Grove and Hooppole High School, graduating from Prophetstown High School in 1949. I graduated from Katherine Shaw Bethea School of Nursing, Dixon Public Hospital, Dixon, Illinois, and received my R.N. in the fall of 1952. I worked for Stanley Robinson, M.D.,Prophetstown, Illinois, as an office nurse for two years.

Jack Duane Thompson and I were married December 13, 1953, in the Zion Church in Hoppole, Illinois. Jack was born to T. Earl and LaVera (Smith) Thompson April 7, 1930, in Clinton, Iowa. Jack's folks farmed near Prophetstown, Illinois, until 1955 when they bought a farm southwest of Tampico, Illinois, and moved there. Jack has one brother, Robert Lee.

Jack graduated from Prophetstown High School in 1949, the same year as I did. He enlisted in the United States Navy in January 1950. He served on the USS *Antietam* CV–36 — 1951–52 and the USS *Princeton* Air Group 15 1952053 during the Korean Conflict. Upon discharge Jack had earned the rating of aviation machinist mate petty officer second class.

We started farming in 1955 one mile east of Tampico, Illinois (Ronald Reagan's birthplace, 40th president of the United States). We had hogs, chickens, milked cows and raised corn, beans, and oats. We were members of the United Methodist Church in Tampico. We moved in 1967 to a farm southwest of Tampico. No more chickens or milking cows, but raising a lot of hogs and feeding cattle. Jack liked to build or repair the buildings on the farm and inside the house we lived in.

Alice, my stepmother, adopted me when I was 49 years old so I could receive part of her brother's inheritance. This certainly was an act of love on her part and that of my half-brothers, David and Conrad. Jack had developed emphysema and it was getting harder for him to breathe around livestock. In the inheritance was farm land, so we were able to rent and move to one of the farms east of Prophetstown and also farm another farm west of Tampico and to just grain farm. Surely there is a God who looks after us!

Pamela Louise was born October 21, 1954, in Morrison, Whiteside County, Illinois. Her story appears under Thompson – Pfeiffer.

Beth Adele was born March 5, 1956, in Morrison, Illinois. She attended the Tampico, Centerville, and Prophetstown schools, graduating from Prophetstown High School in 1974. Beth played the organ for the Tampico United Mathodist Church for two years. She graduated from Northern Illinois University at Dekalb, Illinois, with a degree in accounting and finance. She has been working for the Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company in Glenview, Illinois, in the accounting area. Beth lives in northern Chicago.

Our son, Duane Allan, was born November 10, 1958, in Morrison, Illinois. He attended school in Tampico, Centerville, and Prophetstown, graduating from Prophetstown High

School in 1976. His dream was to be a farmer and no more school. He worked for his dad until 1981, when he started farming the farm his grandfather Thompson had owned and we were buying west of Tampico, Illinois. Duane still lives with us. He and his father work together farming.

by Ruth Thompson

TIDEY, CHESTER & GLADYS (WYMER)

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Gladys (Wymer) and Chester Tidey.

Chester, of Emmaline (Countryman), of William, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Friedrich.

Chester Olla Tidey, the son of Henry and Emmaline (Countryman) Tidey, was born 9 February 1892 in Sodus Township, Berrien County, Michigan. He was known by the nicknames of "Chet" and "Jack" throughout his life. He lived on his father's farm until he reached maturity, and on 21 October 1912 he married Gladys Charlene Wymer in St. Joseph, Berrien County, Michigan. Gladys Wymer was born 20 August 1895 in Inwood, Marshall County, Indiana, the daughter of Albert W. and Rebecca Jane (Frazier) Wymer. They lived for a few years in Eau Claire, Berrien County, Michigan, before moving to Dowajaic, Cass County, Michigan, and finally to Kalamazoo, Michigan, where Chet worked at the Kalamazoo Stove Works as a molder for many years.

Chet and Gladys were the parents of three daughters: (1) Marguerite Ellaura, born 4 August 1913, Eau Claire, Berrien County, Michigan; (2) Merea Beullah, born 23 April 1915, Eau Claire, Michigan; and (3) Mildred "Kay," born 28 March 1917, Dowajaic, Cass County, Michigan. The girls attended school in Kalamazoo and graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School.

On 31 July 1938 Marguerite married C. Harry Cooke, Calhoun County, Michigan. Mr. Cooke was born 17 August 1909 in Hoytville, Wood County, Ohio, the son of Elmer Marion and Rachel LeOra (Osborn) Cook. Harry and Marguerite Cooke are the parents of two children: (1) Courtney R. Cooke, born 16 September 1946, Kalamazoo County, Michigan; and (2) Ellaura Merea, born and died 22 March 1948, Kalamazoo, Michigan. Court Cooke married Nancy Ann Miller on 26 September 1970 at Kalamazoo, Michigan. Nancy (Miller) Cooke was born 21 May 1947 at Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, the daughter of Frank and Wathena May (Burk) Miller. Court and Nancy Cooke reside in Palmyra, Wisconsin.

Merea B. Tidey, second daughter of Chet and Gladys Tidey, married 19 January 1947 in Las Cruz, Mexico, William C. "Babe" Dundom. Babe Dundom was for many years the golf pro at the Kalamazoo Elks Club. Later they owned a golf driving range in Jackson, Michigan. Merea Dundom was a good golfer, too, and they spent most of their winters in Florida, enjoying warm weather the year around. Merea Dundom died 4 January 1972 in Gainesville, Florida.

Mildred "Kay" Tidey, third daughter of Chet and Gladys Tidey, married Bruce Stanley Rhodes on Easter Sunday 5 April 1942 in Kalamazoo County, Michigan. They moved to Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana, immediately following their marriage, where on 27 June 1945 their daughter and compiler of this sketch, Ronna Kay Rhodes, was born.

Chet and Gladys Tidey are the grandparents of the compiler. There were only two grandchildren, Court Cooke and I, and we rejoiced in the love and patience of our grandparents. I remember most the visits to their home of more than 60 years on Alcott Place in Kalamazoo, Michigan. The yard seemed huge to me then, filled with the sweet smell of flowers in spring and summer, Mr. and Mrs. Snowman in winter, a garden that always had something ready to be picked, a rabbit hutch on the back of the garage, often with baby bunnies. In the garage was a 1940 vintage Ford, black with tan interior. Sometimes I got to go for a ride in that car, sequestered in the back seat, sitting as straight as I could to see out the windows.

Best of all was staying overnight with Grandma and Grandpa. That meant there was limitless time to help Grandpa in his basement woodworking shop (I'd build little boats to float in their footed bathtub) or play gin rummy with Grandpa (He'd let me make the rules) or sit on Grandma's lap and listen as she read about Mrs. Lady Bug (my favorite!) from the story book that was always on the library table shelf. It meant hot chocolate and toast before bed, with your own hot water bottle, fat and cozy in its terry cloth sack, welcome company in the giant bed upstairs. From that bed, nearly smothered in comforters, I could ponder the hairline crack that ran across the ceiling almost reaching the opposite wall — until, unable to see any farther in the darkness, I'd go to sleep.

My Grandpa died there 19 April 1964, the year I was married. A lot of things have changed in these 22 years, but my Grandma, in her 91st year, still lives there. When I visit, most things seem the same and eternal, especially the love and the happy hours I have enjoyed there.

by Ronna K. Bryant

TIDEY, HENRY & EMMALINE (COUNTRYMAN)

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Emmaline Countryman and Henry Tidey on their wedding day.

Emmaline, of William, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Friedrich.

Emmaline Countryman, daughter of William and Mary Ann (McKendrick) Countryman, was born 22 July 1851 in Fort Wayne, Allen County Indiana. Emmaline's early years in an orphanage must have prepared her well for the large family she was to raise with her husband, Henry Tidey.

Henry Tidey was born 4 August 1845 in Maidstone, Kent, England, the son of William and Mary (King) Tidey. He married first Mary Berwick (Burwith), probably in England. To this marriage were born three children, all born in Berrien County, Michigan: (1) Hattie, born 12 September 1868, married Charles McGowan 16 September 1888, Berrien County, Michigan; (2) William R., born 4 or 14 February 1870, married first Estella J. Likes, married second Lou Ella Bookwalter, died 1951; (3) Almeda "Meda," born 29 October 1871, married Noble Wilker Dohm 3 January 1911, died 4 February 1965. Mary Tidey died 5 January 1873, leaving Henry a widower with three small children to care for.

Emmaline Countryman married first –?– Weller, prior to 1870. They had one daughter, Adeline Weller, born 20 January 1871, married –?– McKeever. On 3 May 1873 or 1874, Emmaline (Countryman) Weller married Henry Tidey; during the next 20 years ten more children would be born to this couple. They were all born in Berrein County, Michigan: (1) George, born 7 January 1875, married Ada Hamlet 30 July 1898, Berrien County, Michigan, died 6 June 1956; (2) Edwin, born 22 July 1879, married Myrtle

Tidey family. Back row left to right: Chester, Nellie, Burt. Center row left to right: Laura, Art, *Meda, Ray, Mary, Ed, Ella. Front row left to right: *Hattie, Henry Tidey, Emma (Countryman) Tidey, *Will. (*indicates not a child of Emmaline.) Two children not pictured — George and Addie Weller, Emmaline's daughter by her first marriage.

Ochampaugh 18 January 1896, Berrein County, Michigan, died 10 April 1958, Berrein County, Michigan; (3) LeRoy Henry, born 28 May 1877, married Lucy E. Price 24 December 1893, Berrein County, Michigan, died 23 December 1955, Berrein County, Michigan; (4) Arthur, born 14 September 1882, married Lois Price, resided Havre, Montana; (5) Mary, born 23 May 1885, married Roy Jinkins 30 June 1900, Berrien County, Michigan, died 26 June 1914, Berrien County, Michigan; (6) James Albert, born 3 January 1887, married Goldie Pearl Smith 24 August 1906, Berrien County, Michigan, died 14 June 1960, Barry County, Michigan; (7) Ellen Louisa, born 4 September 1889, married Harry Stines 1908, Berrien County, Michigan, died 6 January 1926; (8) Chester Olla, born 9 February 1892, married Gladys Charlene Wymer 21 October 1912, Berrien County, Michigan, died 19 April 1964, Kalamazoo County, Michigan; (9) Anna Laura, born 23 August 1894, married first Charles Archutte 4 September 1911, Berrien County, Michigan, married second Ralph Simes 11 August 1924, Oakland County, Michigan, married third Vernon Keyser 26 June 1937 Chicago, Illinois, died 28 September 1970, Kalamazoo County, Michigan; (10) Nell, born 11 March 1897, married Leo Calvin 24 November 1921, Berrien County, Michigan. Chester and Gladys (Wymer) Tidey are the grandparents of the compiler.

Emmaline (Countryman) Tidey was a small woman, barely five feet tall. She must have been a woman of strong character, for her sons would all tower over her at their maturity. Merely raising that many youngsters to maturity was a heroic feat in itself. During her later years, she lived for some time with Chester and Gladys Tidey in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Often they would go on family camping trips, tenting and fishing in northern Michigan. Emmaline smoked a clay pipe, the white, long-stemmed variety, and with the help of her three granddaughters would bake large sugar cookies with a single raisin in the center of each. She was also adamant that the girls wear "orange" on St. Patrick's Day, for they were "Orangemen"! Probably that was a reference to her mother's side of the family, McKendrick.

Henry Tidey died on his farm 22 June 1912; Emmaline (Countryman) Tidey died 18 March 1929 in Kalamazoo County, Michigan, at the home of her daughter Laura. Henry and Emmaline are buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Sodus, Berrien County, Michigan.

by Ronna K. Bryant

TODD - WATERS

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Cora, of Phebe Jane (Countryman), of Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of Johan Frederich.

Cora Belle Todd, daughter of Luke Todd and Phebe Jane Countryman, was born November 1873 and married Thomas Edward Waters on 14 October 1891 at the home of the bride's mother in Frankville, Winneshiek County, Iowa. To this union nine children were born: Ethel (married Raymond Sharar), Bessie May (married Lee H. Jones), Leo Thomas (married Louise Tobin), Hazel (married Sim Bemis), Iva Belle (married E.H. Smith), Inez (married Melvin Bowen), Evelyn (married Creno Shiley), Myrtle, and Vern Samuel (married Nona Mitchell).

In 1901 the Waters family moved to a farm in Emmet County, Ellsworth Township, east of Huntington, Iowa. In 1911 they retired from farming and moved into Estherville, Iowa. Thomas Waters was a very successful farmer and livestock dealer and had a general store in partnership at Wallingford, Iowa. He died 30 April 1919 in Estherville.

Belle Waters remained in Estherville where she was active in her church and Sunday School organizations. She died 21 June 1957 at the Balmer Rest Home and was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Estherville, Iowa, beside her husband and daughter Inez Bowen, who died in 1934.

by Leo T. Waters

TODD, JOHN LINCOLN

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The Todd family, November 1978. Left to right: Goldie, Esther, Melvin, and Vendeline.

John, of Phebe Jane (Countryman), of Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of Johan Frederich.

John Lincoln Todd, son of Luke Todd and Phebe Jane Countryman, was born on 12 August 1861 at Fennimore, Grant County, Wisconsin. Sometime after 1865 he moved with his parents to a farm near Frankville, Winneshiek County, Iowa.

John first married Emma Ean, who gave him two children, Bertha, born October 1884, and Cecil R., born at Frankville, Iowa, 30 July 1886. Bertha died in her early teens. John and Emma divorced and he later married a schoolteacher, Bertha Lucretia Cooper, on 29 October 1906 at the Methodist parsonage in Bloomington, Wisconsin. Shortly thereafter they moved to Madison, South Dakota, where they resided until death. Six children were born: Goldie Rena, born 13 November 1907; Vendeline Luke, born 16 December 1908; Belva Evelyn, born 22 October 1910; Esther Geneva, born 2 May 1912; Melvin DeForest, born 1 December 1913; and Kenneth, born 26 May 1915 and died 13 weeks later in July 1915.

Cecil R., son of John and Emma (Ean) Todd, was born 30 July 1866, and married Mabel Clair Champine, 4 March 1908 at Lake Belt, Minnesota. Issue: Helen Lucille, born 25 April 1910; and Marjorie Merle, born 28 March 1914.

Goldie Rena Todd, born 13 November 1907 in Madison, South Dakota, married Milford Jepson of Nunda, South Dakota. Issue: Shirley Ann, born 18 September 1935; and Martin John, born 8 October 1942(?). Shirley married Jerry Sweeney at Arlington, South Dakota. Issue: Jimmy, Lisa, Denise, Michael, and Jeff. Denise is married and has a daughter Jessica. Martin married and had three children, Carolyn, Dennis, and Allen. He divorced and was remarried to Nancy Norgaard, a widow with two children whom

Martin has adopted. Goldie and Milford live in Arlington, South Dakota.

Vendeline Luke Todd, born 16 December 1908 in Madison, South Dakota, served a term in the U.S. Navy before he was married to Juanita Van Dyke, 22 August 1937 in California. She died in May 1948. He later married Joann Flarity Johnson on 4 December 1948. She passed away in January 1972. There were no children from either marriage, although each wife had children from former marriages. Vendeline resides in Sacramento, California.

Belva Evelyn Todd, born 22 October 1910 in Madison, South Dakota, married Henry Crouch 28 November 1928. Bertha L. Todd's birthday book shows five children: Beatrice, born 11 October 1929; Billy, born 6 March 1931; Barbara, born 18 October 1935; Donald, born 25 September –?–; and Richard, born 7 September 1941. One boy drowned but we have no records to show which one it was. Belva died in September 1941 in San Francisco, California. Henry Crouch died a few months later, leaving his children orphaned. They were adopted by foster parents. Belva attended the teacher college here in Madison before her marriage. She was known as the "artistic one." She was buried in San Francisco.

Esther Geneva Todd, born 2 May 1912, married David Henry Averill on 28 January 1930 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Issue, eight children: Betty Lavonne, born 1 February 1931; Harlan Leroy, born 8 February 1932; Dolores, born 21 March 1933; Beverly Lois, born 21 May 1935; David Henry, Jr., born 2 June 1936; Bertha Lea, born 19 June 1938; Dorothy Ann, born 1 August 1939; and Douglas, born 7 July 1942. All the children are or have been married, had families, many of whom are married with children, giving Esther many great-grandchildren. Esther and Dave lived for many years in Milford, Iowa, where Dave died. Esther worked for several years in Milford after Dave died before she retired and moved to Miami, Florida, where three of her children live. There are still four daughters in western Iowa: Betty and Jack Matthiesen, Spencer, Iowa; Bert and Dolores Hoppe, Ayrshire, Iowa; Jack and Bertha Besaw, Everly, Iowa; and Dale and Dorothy Ross, Estherville, Iowa.

Melvin DeForest Todd, born 1 December 1913 in Madison, South Dakota, served in the U.S. Army from 23 April 1941 until 15 June 1945 . . . was in Ireland, England, Africa, and Italy. He graduated from Madison High School in 1933 and married Mary Jane Way on 12 June 1949 at the Methodist Church in Madison, South Dakota. Issue: Valerie Sue, born 24 November 1950; and Lois June, born 16 June 1953. Valerie Sue married Rodney Gene Appel of Estelline, South Dakota, on 7 September 1974. Issue: Rachel Ann, born 28 May 1976; and Rebecca Lynn, born 14 March 1980. Lois June married Charles Hallman Searer of Bloomington, Minnesota, on 29 August 1976 at Madison, South Dakota. Issue: Nathan Hallman, born 23 May 1980 at Fredericktown, Missouri; and Stephen Lee, born 29 September 1983 at Lee's Summit, Missouri. Melvin and Mary Jane Todd live in Madison, South Dakota.

by Mrs. Melvin Todd

TODD, MELVIN

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Melvin Todd's paternal grandmother was Phebe Jane (Countryman) Todd. Also, Cornelia (Countryman) Wentworth was his maternal great-grandmother. Melvin's mother, Bertha Lucretia (Cooper) Todd, was the daughter of Rachel (Wentworth) Cooper and Rachel was Cornelia Countryman's daughter.

This in turn makes Cornelius Countryman Melvin's great-grandfather on his father's side, and his great-great-grandfather on his mother's side.

by Melvin and Mary Jane Todd

TODD, PHEBE JANE (COUNTRYMAN)

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The Luke Todd family, 1888–89. Front row, left to right: Luke Todd, Mary Emma "May" Todd, Phebe Jane (Countryman) Todd. Back row, left to right: John Lincoln Todd and Cora Belle Todd.

Phebe, of Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of Johan Frederich.

Phebe Jane (Countryman) Todd, daughter of Rachel (Scott) and Cornelius Countryman, was born 29 July 1837–41 in Liberty Township, Sullivan County, New York. About 1855 she moved with her parents and siblings to Wisconsin where on 10 May 1859 at Liberty, Grant County, Wisconsin, she married Luke Todd. Luke Todd was born where Dubuque, Iowa, now stands, on 17 March 1835. In Wisconsin and before the Civil War, two children were born to the Todds, Theodore in 1860 and John Lincoln on 12 August 1861. Theodore died in infancy.

During the Civil War Luke Todd served as a member of the 42 D Reg. Wis. Vols. from 23 August 1864 to his discharge on 20 June 1865. In the army he contracted diseases which made him a partial invalid for years and shortened his days. After his discharge in 1865, he with his family moved to near Frankville, Winneshiek County, Iowa, on what was known as the Teabout farm. Here Luke died on 6 January 1890. Both Jane, as she was known to family and friends, and Luke were devout and active Christian members of the Frankville Methodist Episcopal Church. His funeral services were held in the church he loved and he was buried in the Frankville, Iowa, cemetery.

After her husband's death, Jane Todd stayed on the family farm, assisted by her son John L. Todd. In 1873 a daughter, Cora Belle, had been born to Luke and Jane, and on 2 August 1882 another daughter, Mary Emma known as May, was born. Cora Belle, known as Belle, was married on 14 October 1891 to Thomas Edward Waters and later moved to Emmet County, Iowa. May Todd married William Roy Birdsell on 22 May 1901 and resided near Farnkville, Iowa.

On 16 March 1909, after two years of suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis, Jane Todd died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Roy Birdsell. Services were held in the Frankville M.E. Church and she was buried beside her husband and three small infants who had preceded her in death.

by Mary Morgan

TOWNSEND, BERT & KAREN (COUNTRYMAN)

F508

Bert and Karen (Countryman) Townsend.

Karen, of Clare, of Floyd, of James, of Daniel, of John I, of John, of Conradt.

Karen Ann Countryman, the daughter of Louise (Olsen) Fleming and Clare Alonzo Countryman, was born July 10, 1949, at the St. Mary's Hospital, DeKalb, Illinois. Her parents were then living on a 320-acre farm

one mile west of a small community of Clare, Illinois, with a population of about 50 residents. Karen's baptism was held at their farm home, with Reverend Russell M. Lambert of the First Methodist Church of DeKalb, Illinois, performing the service with members of the families present.

Karen always had a deep love for animals and most favorite for horses, and many times she asked her Grandpa Floyd for a pony. But it was not until Karen was about 15 years old that she finally talked her father, Clare, into buying her a horse. Clare proposed a bargain he was certain Karen would never be able to keep. He would buy the horse, *but* she would be completely responsible for the feeding, training and the stable and feed bill for the horse. Karen did so by feeding and caring for her own as well as working for others to earn an income and take care of the expenses. Karen spent several years in California, but when she left Florida it was with her horse and trailer.

Karen was married to Bert Townsend on November 03, 1983, in Bevard County, Florida. They are now living in Cocoa, Florida. They have their horses there on the acres next to the acres they have built their home on. Currently, Karen is attending accounting classes and is helping tend their cattle that graze on acres near the St. John's River and also their horses. Karen has been employed as an assistant in a veterinarian clinic in Cocoa for a number of years. Burt is employed by a subcontractor at the Kennedy Space Center, Merrit Island, and self-employed as a cattle rancher.

by Janet (Countryman) Current

TURNER, LEONARD & ELIZABETH (COUNTRYMAN)

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The Robert Emmett Countryman family about 1883. Back row left to right: Carrie, Cliffe, Charles, and Grace. Front row left to right: Margaret, Robt. E., Elizabeth, Mary McC., and Wilbur.

Elizabeth, of Robert Emmett.

Elizabeth Eleanor Countryman was born 3 May 1880 at Weeping Water, Nebraska, to Robert Emmett Countryman and Mary McConahey (C.G. p. 110). She was educated at the Weeping Water Academy and attended the University of Nebraska where she met her future husband, Leonard Whittier Turner, who was an engineering student there. He was born 15 May 1880 at Wilber, Nebraska, the son of Samuel Frederick and Mary (Perry) Turner, both born in Bristol County, Massachusetts.

Elizabeth returned to Weeping Water where she taught school until Leonard graduated and became established with the General Electric Company in Schenectady, New York. They were married on 19 August 1908 and lived in Schenectady until he died on 14 August 1964 and she died on 30 May 1969.

Leonard continued in the turbine engineering department at GE where he designed large steam turbines until his retirement in 1945. They were both active in the affairs of the First Methodist Church of Schenectady. Two daughters were born to them.

Mary Margaret Turner was born 25 March 1912. She was graduated from Mt. Holyoke College with a A.B. and Columbia University with an M.A. in economics. She was a reporter for the *Schenectady Union Star* until her marriage on 24 June 1939 to Hugo F. Mueller (born 28 October 1914 at St. Louis, Missouri; died 1 January 1983 at Sharon, Connecticut). He was employed in the accounting departments of GE and the International GE until his retirement, and they lived in Indiana, New Jersey, Brazil and France until their retirement to Sharon, Connecticut. They had three children:

(1) Stephen Perry Mueller, born 20 July 1941, was married 19 December 1964 at Lexington, Massachusetts, to Valerie Donnelley. Their children are Victoria Ann Mueller, born 7 October 1968, and Alexandra Traci Mueller, born 6 October 1970. He is presently employed at Xerox in Fairfield, Connecticut.

(2) Mark Doering Mueller, born 23 February 1943 at Ft. Wayne, was married on 16 September 1972 to Angela Foster. Their children are Matthew David Mueller, born 11 February 1975, and Robert Andrew Mueller, born 19 March 1977. He is presently self-employed in Providence, Rhode Island.

(3) Elizabeth Turner Mueller, born 4 May 1946 at New Jersey, was married 8 June 1968 to Craig F. Stead. Their children are Brant Fairbanks Stead, born 30 November 1973; Ethan Whittier Stead, 30 August 1975; Elisa Contryman Stead, 29 September 1979; and Ian McConahy Stead, 21 December 1981. They are presently living in Vermont where Craig is a contractor, restoring historic buildings.

(Dorothy) Elizabeth Turner was born to Leonard and Elizabeth Turner on 4 April 1919. She graduated from Swarthmore College and worked at GE until her marriage on 7 October 1945 at Schenectady to Rudolph A. Dehn (born 12 August 1919, New Jersey). He was employed at the GE research laboratory in the field of microwave development until his retirement. They have three children:

(1) Mary Margaret Dehn, born 27 May 1947, was married 7 October 1979 at Searsport, Maine, to Lawrence Ellis Reynolds. They have one daughter, Amanda Elizabeth Reynolds, born 17 September 1981 at Searsport, Maine. They operate a farm in Searsport and Lawrence is also employed in the Maine Park Service.

(2) Alan Leonard Dehn, born 2 July 1949, was married 19 August 1978 at Schenectady to Patricia Anne Green. They live in Scotia, New York, and are employed in the local school systems.

(3) Jonathan David Dehn, born 8 May 1953, was married 6 September 1980 at Candor, New York, to Kathleen Cozdeba. They have one son, Jackson Edward Dehn, born 23 June 1985 at Gaithersburg, Maryland. They live in Damascus, Maryland. Kathleen is an RN and Jonathan is employed by IBM.

by Elizabeth T. Dehn

TUTTLE, CHARLES

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Charles, of Garnet (Scherer), of Maude (Countryman), of John Watkin, of Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of Johan Frederich.

Charles Stephen Tuttle, son of George Stephen Tuttle and Garnet LuVerne Scherer, was born 22 August 1941, Bury Hospital, Geddes, South Dakota. He graduated in May 1959 from Geddes High School. Chuck entered the Air Force on February 11, 1960, at Aberdeen South Dakota. He was sent to communications school in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and was sent on many secret assignments. He spent time in Germany, Okinawa, and finally a tour of duty in Vietnam.

He was in an aircraft shot down over enemy area and had both knee caps broken, his back and one hand hurt. The pilot was killed and one other crew member killed. They were finally picked up after long hours in the jungle. Most of this story is not well known, but the memory is in the hearts and souls of those men who lived through it. One can only say God was with them in those dark hours. Chuck's first marriage ended soon after this . . . first a separation and then divorce. The horrors of war are not easily dealt with sometimes for some people.

Chuck has three children: Angelo Jo, born 12 November 1963, John, born 22 February 1965; and Leigh Anne, born 24 March 1966. Angela has been in the Air Force, as is her husband, Kenneth Zabriskie. They have a son, Anthony Lynn. John is with a circus in the southern states at present, and Leigh Anne plans an April 19, 1986, wedding to Jon Beitz of Tripp, South Dakota.

Chuck moved to Omaha, Nebraska, in the early 1970s, working and residing there until 1981 when he moved to Blair, Nebraska, and worked for Dana College. During that time he took training in locksmith work, owns his own shop, and is a part-time deputy sheriff. He is a graduate of law enforcement school at Grand Island, Nebraska.

In April 1981 he was married to DeAnna Nielson. He has two stepchildren, Erika and Nickolas. Chuck is a member of the V.F.W. and Lion's Club, and the family is active in Lutheran Church work.

by Mrs. Garnet Tuttle

TUTTLE, GEORGE BRUCE

F511

George, of Garnet (Scherer), of Maude (Countryman), of John Watkin, of Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of

Johan Frederich.

George Bruce Tuttle, son of George Stephen Tuttle and Garnet LuVerne Scherer, was born 6 August 1937, Bury Hospital, Geddes, South Dakota. He graduated in May 1955 from Geddes High School. In June 1956 Bruce enlisted in the Air Force and was trained as an airplane mechanic. He was sent to Japan and Okinawa in September 1958 . . . in September 1960 he returned to the States to Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska. He remained in Omaha after his six years of service was up.

He was determined to become a pilot and after teaching flying for several years was able to start his real career. He flew for the Corps of Engineers several years, for Godfathers & Herman Bros., and is now with Con Agra (grain and feed company).

His first marriage to a Canadian girl ended in divorce. Two daughters from this marriage live in the Omaha area. Gretchen Garnet, born 20 January 1963, is a hair stylist and has a six-year-old daughter, Teri Elizabeth. Michele Lee, born 23 July 1965, goes to a metro tech college . . . a poet, song writer and singer in her spare time. She works at Vic's Corn Popper store at present.

Bruce was married again to Janice (Jedynak) Kniefl and has two stepchildren, Beverly Ann Dalton (David Dalton) and Philip Kniefl. There are three stepgrandchildren, Jeremy and Daniel Dalton, and Karen Kniefl.

by Mrs. Garnet Tuttle

VAIL, CHARLES H. & MINNIE (SCHMIDT)

F512

Minnie's death certificate states she died 16 days after entering St. Luke's Hospital of septicemia with pelvic abcess from which she had suffered for six weeks. The doctor believed this was originally an appendicitis. Contributing to her death was anemia and exhaustion.

Charles H. "Sammy" Vail died 20 February 1934 from the complications of age, having been ill since December 1. His birth was 30 August 1855. He worked 15 years as a conductor until the railroad strike of 1893, then operated a billiard parlor for 25 years, and later was employed at the National Sewing Machine Company. His children were Mrs. Nettie Corson of Belvidere, Mrs. Dorothy Van Natta of Chicago, and an adopted son, Francis, of Garden Prairie. Rev. Arthur R. Oates, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Belvidere officiated at his funeral.

Mary Frances, daughter of Dexter Thomas and third wife of Charles Vail, died 10 September 1933. The widow of C.D. Courville of Belvidere, she was wed to Mr. Vail in September of 1908. One son was Charles Courville. She was a long-time member of the M.E. Church.

by Judith Meier

VAUGHN - REY

F513

Harold Rey and Bernice Evaline (Vaughn) Rey.

Bernice, of Orville, of Nancy Ann (Countryman), of John C., of Conrad 3, of Conrad 2, of Conrad 1.

Bernice Evaline Vaughn was born 21 October 1912 at Oskaloosa, Mahaska County, Iowa, to Mary C. and Orville D. Vaughn. When just a child she moved with her parents to Minnesota where she attended school, graduating from high school at Sherman, Minnesota. She married Harold Rey 31 December 1937.

Harold Rey was born 24 August 1899. They lived at Sherburn where he worked as an automobile mechanic. After his retirement, he repaired boat motors. When we visited him at his home in Sherburn, he had just celebrated his 86th birthday.

Bernice and Harold have two children.

Carolyn Bernice Rey was born 2 September 1941. She married Charles Fowler 15 August 1958 and they are the parents of two children. Julie Renee Fowler was born 15 November 1960. She will marry Charles Seivert in 1986. Rebecca Ann Fowler was born 1 June 1964. She married Charles Hardt 4 May 1985.

Wayne Harold Rey was born 27 July 1944. He married Judi –?– in the late 1960s. They are the parents of two children, Robin Lynn Rey, born 11 September 1969, and Jeff Wayne Rey, born 6 October 1972.

Bernice resides at a rest home in Fairmont, Minnesota, where we visited her and had a nice visit. She is my father's cousin. I have searched for Orville D. Vaughn's descendants for a number of years and finally located his son-in-law and daughter Bernice in 1985.

by Rosalie (Johnson) Reid

VAUGHN, ORVILLE D.

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Orville D. Vaughn and Mary C. (Said) Vaughn.

Orville, of Nancy Ann (Countryman), of John C., of Conrad 3, of Conrad 2, of Conrad 1.

Orville DeLos was born 11 June 1861 in Wyoming, Jones County, Iowa, the son of Vinson DeLose Vaughn and Nancy Ann Countryman. During the Civil War era, when he was about three months old, his parents were divorced after his father volunteered for war duty. He was raised by his mother and stepfather, Cyrus Taft, in Blackhawk County, Iowa.

When Orville was a young man, he was married to Laura C. DeWitt 29 September 1880. They were the parents of two sons, Frank and Glen, and were later divorced. Frank Vaughn's date of birth is unknown. He died during the flu epidemic of 1918. Laura C., their mother, also died during that time. (This information was given by a granddaughter.)

Glen V. Vaughn was born in 1891. He married –?– Welfare of Ledyard, Iowa, and they were the parents of one daughter. They were divorced. He later remarried, but the second wife's name is unknown. He died in 1974 and was buried at the Highland Home Cemetery at Ledyard, Iowa. Mildred L. Vaughn was born in 1916. She married Arthur Kramermeier about 1935–36. He died 28 March 1982, and is buried at the Highland Home Cemetery. They were the parents of two children, names and dates unknown.

Orville was a farmer, living at Oskaloosa, Iowa, and was united in marriage to Mary C. Said at Grand Center, Iowa, on 22 March 1903. Mary was born 27 February 1879 in Iron Hills, Jackson County, Iowa. She taught in the Oskaloosa school during her early years.

Two daughters, Bernice and Gladys Mae, were born in Oskaloosa, Mahaska County, Iowa. In 1918 they removed to Martin County, Minnesota, and resided at Fairmont and Truman, Minnesota, until 1928. Then they moved to Sherburn, Minnesota, where they resided until their deaths. She died on 11 February 1951, aged 71 years 11 months and 16 days. Orville died three years later on 29 May 1954, aged 92 years 11 months and 18 days. Both are buried at the Sherburn Cemetery.

Gladys Mae was born 29 October 1910. She married John Jakobe on January 10, 1939, at St. Peter and Paul Church. Mr. Jakobe died in 1979. They were the parents of four children. Gregory J. Jakobe was born 29 May 1940. He married Patricia Nacbar and they have two children, Carrisa and Kathryn. Mary C. Jakobe was born 6 July 1941. She was married to –?– Qosch and later divorced; her three children are Charles, Lori, and Jim.

Jim F. Jakobe was born 3 March 1942. He married Geneva Boode and they have one daughter, Gennifer. Ann M. Jakobe was born 27 October 1951. She is married to Henry Quadi and they are the parents of two children, Elizabeth and Jonathan.

Bernice (Vaughn) Rey's story is given separately.

by Rosalie (Johnson) Reid

VAWTER, JAMES II
F515

James, of Ina (Gore), of Marcella (Countryman), of Isiah, of George.

James T. Vawter II, more commonly known as Jim, is the second son of James T. Vawter I and Ina Ruby (Gore) Vawter. He is the grandson of Everett R. and Marcella J. (Countryman) Gore of Walton, Indiana, their farm located one mile west of Lincoln. Jim is the great-grandason of Isiah and Sarah (Crull) Countryman and the great-great-grandson of George and Mariah (Gall) Countryman. Jim's date of birth is April 24, 1921, and place of birth was Indianapolis, Indiana.

Some of the fun things that Jim did in his younger life were to visit the homestead of Sarah and Isiah Countryman, and this was then the homestead of Everett R. Gore and Marcella J. (Countryman) Gore. He would hunt mushrooms and practice sharp shooting. Many times they went hunting in the woods for fox squirrel, and sometimes rabbits, each during the appropriate seasons. Jim is a person of depth; kindness is one of his virtues.

Jim obtained his education in the field of journalism, and we can say he has been most successful in this, his life's work.

Jim married Jane Delores Meyers on November 1, 1952, and unto this marriage was born one child named Jan Dee. They reside in the Muncie, Indiana, area.

Jan Dee Vawter's husband's name is Mike Cronin. They have two children. Her countries of origin on her father's side are French, German, Scotch, American Indian, and possibly English.

by Jo Benjamin

VAWTER, JOHN ELDON
F516

John, of Ina (Gore), of Marcella (Countryman), of Isiah, of George.

John Eldon Vawter is the first son of James and Ina (Gore) Vawter, the grandson of Marcella (Countryman) Gore, the great-grandson of Isiah and Sarah (Crull) Countryman, and the great-great-grandson of George and Mariah (Gall) Countryman of Rockingham County, Virginia. John was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on February 16, 1919. His countries of origin are Germany, Scotch, French, American Indian, and probably English.

John's achievements in life have been so many. He had enjoyed photography, having his own darkroom equipment. He invented a

Left to right: James T. Vawter, Sr., Ina R. (Gore) Vawter, Jim V., Jr., Jane Vawter (John's wife), and John Vawter.

labor-saving device for Allisons of Indianapolis that is truly noteworthy. He was crafty and talented in novelty items, and this has followed him unto this day, for he repairs and occasionally builds furniture. His highest point of success probably was in the business world in upper management of a chain of stores.

John married June Hobe and from this union there were three children: Valerie Vawter, born January 26, 1958, Cleveland, Ohio; J. Brett Vawter, born July 22, 1959, Elkhart, Indiana; and Andrea Vawter, born January 20, 1964. Andrea married Dale Johnson on December 7, 1985.

John later married Lois Greer, a lovely person with much talent, also. They reside in Elkhart, Indiana, and like a kind, loving son, he and his wife care for John's mother, Ina, who is now 91 years old.

by Jo Benjamin

VINCENT - COFFMAN
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Far left: Carol Lynne Keyser Coffman Oakes. Back row: Art Coffman, Carol's father, and daughter Shannon Rae Oakes. Front row: James Richard Oakes, Carol's husband, and son James Richard (J.R.). Taken in September 1983.

Ann Vincent Keyser Coffman Reed, first child of Alice Elizabeth Vincent Keyser Coffman, taken in 1962.

Alice Elizabeth (Vincent) Keyser Coffman, second child of Clarence Cornelius Vincent and Alice Odalite Horning, taken in 1980.

Alice Elizabeth, of Clarence, of Alice (Countryman), of Henry Daniel, of Daniel B., of George, of Conradt.

Alice Elizabeth (Vincent) Coffman, second child of Clarence Cornelius Vincent and Alice Odalite Horning, was born November 22, 1913, in Moscow, Idaho. She spent her childhood in Moscow, and later attended the University of Idaho where she obtained her B.S. degree in botany in 1934. After a year of teaching in the Rathdrum, Idaho, high school, she married Louis Schroer Keyser on July 27, 1935, in Moscow. They then moved to Urbana, Illinois, where she performed secretarial work while Louis obtained his

Louis Schroer Keyser, first husband of Alice Elizabeth Vincent, taken in 1934. Louis died June 7, 1950.

Carol Lynn Keyser Coffman Oakes, second child of Alice Elizabeth Vincent Keyser Coffman, taken in 1962.

Otis Arthur Coffman (Art), second husband of Alice Elizabeth Vincent, taken in 1980.

Ann Vincent Keyser Coffman Reed with her little family — Crystal Lynne on the left; Deborah Sue on the right, holding her child, Cathleen Bernadette — taken in September 1983.

Ph.D. degree at the University of Illinois. In 1938 they moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where their first child, Ann Vincent, was born on February 5, 1940. When Ann was four months old they moved to Shelton, Washington, where Louis was employed as a research chemist with ITT Rayonier, Inc. Two years later their second child, Carol Lynn, was born on August 4, 1942; and later a third child, Doris Ellen, was stillborn September 30, 1944. Louis died June 7, 1950, of uremic poisoning, a kidney malfunction following many years of diabetes.

After Louis' death, Elizabeth accepted a position as chemist with ITT Rayonier, Inc., where she worked for 25 years. On February 14, 1953, she was married in Olympia, Washington, to Otis Arthur (Art) Coffman, a research analyst for ITT Rayonier, Inc. Shortly after the wedding Art legally adopted Ann and Carol. Art, a twin, was born December 29, 1920, in Pendleton, Oregon. He enlisted in the navy in 1940, attended Hospital Corps School in San Diego, California; U.S. Naval Hospital in New York City; and Submarine School in New London, Connecticut. He served as CPO aboard the USS *North Carolina* for two years, following which he was assigned to submarine service in the Pacific area for the remainder of World War II, attaining the rank of warrant pharmacist. After the war he was active in the naval reserve until he retired after 20 years of service. He retired from ITT Rayonier, Inc. in 1982, after more than 36 years of service with the company.

Art and Elizabeth moved to Olympia, Washington, in 1973, and following their retirements, continue to lead busy and productive lives there. Elizabeth teaches the organ at local music stores; and Art is a member of the Tumwater, Washington, Police Reserve, as well as continuing his volunteer work in the pharmacy at Madigan Hospital, Fort Lewis, Washington.

Their daughter, Ann Vincent (Keyser) Coffman, received her B.A. degree in psychology from Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon, in June 1962, and married Dick Sheldon Reed in Shelton, Washington, June 17, 1962. Dick was serving as Pfc in the army at the time they were married and was sent to Ft. Kobbe, Canal Zone, Panama, where Ann joined him in November 1962, and obtained a Civil Service secretarial job. After Dick's discharge they moved to Bremerton, Washington, where their first child, Deborah Sue, was born July 21, 1964. Deborah has one child, Cathleen Bernadette Reed, born July 7, 1981, in Poughkeepsie, New York. Ann continued with Civil Service secretarial positions while Dick continued his education, obtaining his B.A. in mechanical engineering from the University of Washington in December 1967. On October 27, 1967, they adopted a son, Eugene Sheldon Reed, born August 5, 1962. Eugene married a girl named Jennie in 1981, and their daughter Nicole Christine was born June 23, 1982, in Benecia, California. In 1967 Dick was employed by General Electric and he and Ann were moved from Bloomington, Illinois, to Syracuse, New York, then to Schenectady, New York, where both worked for G.E. Here their third child, Crystal Lynne, was born January 15, 1972. They moved to Wappingers Falls, New York, in 1973, and Ann soon obtained a position as purchasing representative and later as general store manager for Vassar Bros. Hospital in Poughkeepsie, New York. Ann and Dick were divorced March 19, 1980. Ann maintains a home for her two daughters and granddaughter, is a prayer counselor on TBN (Trinity Broadcasting Network), and hopes to go back to college for her master's degree, and then get into more extensive counseling work.

Art and Elizabeth's second daughter, Carol Lynn (Keyser) Coffman, attended Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon, for two years, then transferred to the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, where she obtained her B.S. degree in home economics in June 1964. She was married September 14, 1963, in Shelton, Washington, to James Richmond Oakes, born April 17, 1942, in Shelton, while both were attending the University of Washington. After receiving her degree, Carol held the position of food service supervisor for McCarty Hall, a women's dorm on the university campus. Jim attended Olympic College, Bremerton, Washington, and the University of Washington, then received a degree from Automation Institute, Seattle, while Carol worked at the university. They moved to Yakima, Washington, in the fall of 1965, where Jim took a position with an accounting firm and Carol accepted a position as a county extension agent in foods for Yakima County. Jim was drafted in January 1966, and after serving in Vietnam, returned to school and obtained a B.A. degree in business administration from Central Washington State College in Ellensburg, Washington, June 7, 1969. He then became systems service manager for the National Cash Register Co. in Yakima. Their daughter Shannon Rae was born September 29, 1969, in Yakima, and their son James Richard (J.R.) was born February 15, 1972, in Yakima. In November 1973 they moved to Wenatchee, Washington, where Jim is supervisor for computer programming for PUD (Public Utility District). Carol worked with Partnership for Rural Improvement through Wenatchee Valley College for five years, was community education coordinator for family planning for two years, and in 1985 became director of Chelan-Douglas

Counties Family Planning.

by Elizabeth (Vincent) Coffman

VINCENT - MATHANY
F518

Ida, of Alice (Countryman), of Henry Daniel, of Daniel B., of George, of Conradt.

Ida May Vincent, born 21 March 1878, died 30 May 1956 in Mt. Vernon, Washington, was the oldest child of Alice A. (Countryman) Vincent and Thomas T. Vincent. Ida was a tall, slender woman and a very hard worker. She married 8 July 1900 to Robert Mathany, born 14 November 1869, died 19 May 1952. I was present when they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Ida's sister's home in Gervais, Oregon. Pearl Stevens had a party for them and many of the brothers and sisters were present. They had four children:

(1) Howard Vincent Mathany was born 26 January 1904 in Centralia, Washington. He attended Washington State College ca. 1924, living with his aunt and uncle, Chester and Louise Vincent. He was also the baby sitter to his very young cousin, Vivian. Howard received his degree in mathematics. He taught in the state college for a number of years. He met, and married on 4 June 1928, Ella Cecelia Olson, born 21 April 1905 in Spokane, Washington. At the time, she was living with her parents on a farm outside of Pullman. Howard moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, with his family, where he became dean of men at the University of New Mexico for a period of time; but he decided he would rather teach, so was hired to teach math. He was in the navy for a while — or taught math to the sailors. After retiring from the university, he and Ella moved to Laguna Hills, California, where he is still living. Ella died 2 August 1978. They had two daughters, one who died shortly after birth in Spokane, and the second, JoAnn Mathany, born 25 December 1934 in Spokane. She was married 15 July 1954 to a Robert L. Malone and had two boys, Robert Norman Malone and Michael Vincent Malone. JoAnn and Robert were divorced, and she then moved to Laguna Beach, California. Eventually she married William Stubblefield, a Marine Corps officer, and she teaches in a school nearby.

(2) Alice Marguerite Mathany was born 1 April 1905 and died 8 March 1946. She married Oscar Dermit Dyke on 3 June 1934. He worked at the Coulee Dam in Washington state, but I do not know what position he held. They adopted two boys, David Dyke and another whose name I do not know. After her death, Derm finally remarried.

(3) Clinton Calvin Mathany was born 30 June 1908. In September of 1932 he married Genevieve Evatt. Clinton was one of the engineers who worked on the Grand Coulee Dam. He worked on other dams around the western part of the U.S. after leaving Grand Coulee. At present they are living in Jackson, California, near their son, Mark Mathany and his wife Connie. Mark and Connie have one son, Chris Mathany. Mark is a teacher in Jackson.

(4) Laura May Mathany was born 19 November 1913 in Centralia, Washington. She married Walter George Medford 20 June 1935; later they divorced. Laura worked for Boeing Co. for many years. She is now retired. They had one son, Dennis Vincent Medford. Dennis was raised by his grandmother, as Laura was working. He was married 14 September 1962 to Jacquleen Lee Miller, born 10 April 1940. They have three children: Mark Dennis Medford, born 18 October 1963; Juliane Medford, born 14 February 1966; and Melanie Joy Medford, birth date unknown. He teaches in Puyallup, Washington.

by Vivian E. Sayles

VINCENT - McCONNELL
F519

Beverly, of Chester, of Alice (Countryman), of Henry Daniel, of Daniel B., of George, of Conradt.

Beverly Ann Vincent, born 25 July 1931 in Colfax, Washington, is the youngest child of Chester and G. Louise (Beaman) Vincent. She received her degree at the State College of Washington in home economics and child development. On 12 September 1953 she married Robert Eastwood McConnell, born in Spokane, Washington, on 15 July 1930. Robert received his architectural degree from the State College of Washington in Pullman, Washington, also. He then went, along with Beverly, to take an advanced degree from M.I.T. in Boston, Massachusetts. They returned to the West Coast, stopping by our house in Tillamook, Oregon, to stay overnight and to get a loan, as they had run out of money by the time thay got here. About this, I tease them to this day.

Bob was drafted into the Korean War and sent to Alaska as a lieutenant in the Air Force for the purpose of designing military outposts. After he was discharged, he practiced architecture in the firm of John Maloney in Seattle, Washington, for five years. Then he decided to go into teaching. He taught architecture at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona; then went to the University of Kansas at Lawrence, Kansas; on to the University of Idaho at Moscow, Idaho; and now is teaching at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona. He was dean of architecture for several years, finally going back to the teaching end.

Their children are:

(1) Kathleen Ann McConnell, born 19 September 1955 on the Elmandorf Air Force Base in Anchorage, Alaska, is now married to Clifford Carver Moon, born 10 June 1955. They were married in October 1982. She is a pharmacist at the university hospital and Clifford works for United Parcel Service. They have one daughter, Kristen Dora Moon, born 31 October 1981 in Tucson.

(2) Karen Eileen McConnell, born 9 May 1957 in Seattle, Washington, went to the University of Arizona, graduating in television and drama. She worked for a television station in Colorado for a year or so, then decided to go back to school and become a teacher. She has finished school and is teaching in one of the grade schools.

(3) Terri Lynn McConnell, born 10 March 1959 in Seattle, attended the University of Arizona, getting her degree in education. She is teaching at a community business college. She was married on 19 June 1981 to Glen Bible, born 16 April 1959. He is a manager of an Ace Hardware store in Tucson. They have one daughter, Stephanie Noel Bible, born 13 July 1984 in Tucson.

by Vivian E. Sayles

VINCENT - SAYLES
F520

Vivian, of Chester, of Alice (Countryman), of Henry Daniel, of Daniel B., of George, of Conradt.

Dr. Dale M. Sayles and Vivian E. (Vincent) Sayles in 1970. Vivian is the daughter of Chester and G. Louise Vincent.

I was born 21 June 1923 in Pullman, Washington, the daughter of Chester and G. Louise (Beaman) Vincent, and was raised in Pullman except when my father studied for his Ph.D. in horticulture at Cornell University in Ithica, New York, for two years. Back in Pullman I finished high school and graduated from the State College of Washington in home economics, taking summer school for four summers so that I could work at the college libary.

On 22 January 1944 I married Dale Max Sayles, born 20 February 1920, in Winona, Washington. He was tall and blue-eyed, with brown, wavy hair, and handsome! He was also at the state college, taking veterinary medicine. He got his doctor's degree 15 September 1944. While he was in school, World War II broke out and the whole veterinary class was drafted. They trained at Fort Lewis, Washington, and then were sent back to Pullman to finish their education. It was thought they could go into the army food inspection service. Before they were to graduate, the war ended, and Dale was promoted to captain and discharged, though he had to stay in the reserve.

We moved to Tillamook, Oregon, 24 September 1944 as Dale was hired by a veterinarian there to help him in his dairy practice. Many people in this area had migrated from Switzerland to dairy farm. Dale started his own practice in 1951 and he operated the business from our home until his new veterinary hospital was built. We lived in the city of Tillamook for about ten years, then we bought and moved onto a dairy farm in 1956. For the next 25 years we lived there, raising our five youngsters. The boys helped around the barn on occasion, but we had other hired help, too.

As none of the boys were interested in farming, we sold the farm to a neighbor when Dale retired from his practice, and we built a new home between Garibaldi and Barview,

Oregon, overlooking Tillamook Harbor and the Pacific Ocean. Dale retired early as his legs and hips were causing trouble because of injuries sustained working with large animals. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and B.P.O.E.; I was a past matron of the Order of Eastern Star, and a member of the United Methodist Church.

Our children and grandchildren:

(1) Susan Jane Sayles, born 15 January 1946 in Tillamook, Oregon, was married 3 April 1965 to Melvin Leron Knutson, born 21 August 1945, Tillamook, Oregon. He died 20 July 1965 in a logging accident. Their child, Michael Lee Knutson, born 19 October 1965 in Tillamook, legally changed his last name to Peterman, the name of his stepfather, in 1984. On 5 February 1970 Susan married G. Ross Peterman, born 10 October 1940 in Enid, Oklahoma. He is a district manager of Itec, Inc., and they are now living in Tustin, California. He had two children of his first marriage: Janis Christine Peterman, born 26 March 1963, and married 14 June 1985 to Steve Hettrick; and Brent William Peterman, born 2 July 1967. Children of Susan and Ross are: Stephen Ross Peterman, born 7 January 1971, Livermore, California; Michelle Janis Peterman, born 8 January 1973 in Bellevue, Washington; and Mark David Peterman, born 23 January 1978 in Orange, California.

(2) Dennis Michael Sayles, born 1 September 1947 in Tillamook, Oregon, graduated from high school and in 1965 enlisted in the Vietnam War. He was sent overseas as an army cook, and was discharged 6 September 1971. He received an Army Commendation Medal with V device for heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force on 28 February 1968. On returning home he milked the cows for a while, deciding finally to enroll in the Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Idaho, studying religion. He married 15 August 1975 to Gwenolyn Mae Scott, a student at the college. She was born 23 August 1952. Dennis and family are living in Reedley, California. He works as a youth minister and in a factory, and Gwen teaches in the Christian school at the Nazarene Church. Their children: James Andrew Sayles, born 15 July 1976 in Nampa; Frederich Michael Sayles (Ricky), born 15 December 1977 in Nampa; Jared Scott Sayles, born 12 October 1979 in Tillamook, Oregon; Brian Timothy Sayles, born 30 July 1982 in Reedley; and Wendi Lynn Sayles, born 8 August 1984 in Reedley, California.

(3) Dixie Jean Sayles, born 25 April 1951 in Tillamook, Oregon, graduated from the Oregon College of Education in Monmouth, Oregon. She is a D.H.I.A. tester in Tillamook County.

(4) Rodney Vincent Sayles, born 4 August 1952 in Tillamook, Oregon, went to Oregon State College. On 8 May 1976 he married Linda Gail Kreps Spencer, born 31 May 1952 in Payette, Idaho. She had three girls whom he adopted 27 October 1976 in Boise, Idaho. They are: Jamie Lynn Spencer Sayles, born 6 January 1969, Ontario, Oregon; Dawn Michel Spencer Sayles, born 25 April 1970, Weiser, Idaho; and Deborah Rene Spencer Sayles, born 3 May 1973, Nampa, Idaho. Children of Rodney and Linda are: Dassandra Eileen Sayles, born 13 November 1977, Tillamook, Oregon; and Tara Beth Sayles, born 1 March 1980, Forest Grove, Oregon. They were divorced in December of 1982. Rodney is now living in Anaheim, California, taking mechanical and electronic drafting, and at the present time working in a hardware store.

(5) Thomas Marc Sayles, born 29 December 1957 in Tillamook, Oregon, finished high school and went to work for Crown Zellerbach for 7½ years, until the company closed their business in Tillamook. He likes to hunt, trap, and fish. On 14 January 1983 he married a Tillamook girl, Cheryl Lynn Wassmer, born 14 May 1963. Their first son, Michael Thomas Sayles, arrived on 18 December 1984 in Tillamook.

by Vivian E. Sayles

VINCENT - TURNER

F521

Vivian, of Alice (Countryman), of Henry Daniel, of Daniel B., of George, of Conradt.

Vivian Izeta Vincent, born 11 July 1897, was the youngest child of Alice A. (Countryman) Vincent and Thomas T. Vincent. She was married 31 March 1917 to Frederick B. Turner, born ca. 1887 in Malmo, Sweden. They had two daughters: Ione Pearl Turner, born 15 December 1917; and Doris Louise Turner, born 21 May 1921. Vivian died 1 February 1925 of complications with appendicitis and flu.

Ione Pearl Turner married Robert Ignatius Downey, born 21 March 1912, on 21 November 1940. Bob is an insurance and real estate agent in Portland, Oregon. They have two children. (1) Robert Ignatius Downey II (Bo) married Carol Fox. He has taken over his father's business. Children: Kimberly Marie Downey, born 14 September 1961; Teresa Marlene Downey, born 7 November 1962; Stephen Robert Downey, born 25 October 1967; and Heather Ione Downey, born 8 January 1969. Bo and Carol are divorced and both have remarried. (2) Bridget Ione Downey married Charles Eugene Tombe 21 September 1969. They had a son, Justin Matthew Tombe, born 29 July 1969. They divorced; he remarried and has other children.

Doris Louise Turner was married 10 April 1943 to Frank Manley Guerin, born 19 December 1916. They have two children: (1) Janet Louise Guerin, born 5 May 1945, who was married the first time to David Ewert on 6 February 1965. They divorced. Their children: Christian Ewert, born 8 February 1966; and Laura Ann Ewert, born 23 June 1968. Janet married a second time to James Vakoc and they have a child, Jason Vakoc, born in February 1976.

Since Vivian Izata Turner died leaving two young daughters, they went to live with their aunt, Pearl Elnora (Vincent) Stevens, born 5 January 1890 in Middleton, Oregon. Pearl had married on 24 April 1910 in Gervais, Oregon, to Sumner (Bub) Stevens, born 21 February 1875. They lived in Gervais all their married life. He was the barber for both women and men of the town. Bub died on 23 September 1954. Pearl eventually moved to Portland to live with Ione after she couldn't care for herself very well. When Ione could no longer care for her, she lived at the Masonic Home in Forest Grove, Oregon, where she died on 27 November 1973.

Pearl raised the two girls until they finished high school and were on their own. Fred was a contractor and builder, owning the F.B. Turner Contracting business. He married a second time, years later, to Ursula –?–. His business had him moving around a lot.

by Vivian E. Sayles

VINCENT - WILLIAMS

F522

Elsie, of Alice (Countryman), of Henry Daniel, of Daniel B., of George, of Conradt.

Elsie D. Vincent was born 12 April 1892 in Winlock, Washington. She was married on 2 October 1910 in Centralia, Washington, to Roy Eldon Williams, born 24 March 1888 in Fedora, South Dakota.

Their children were:

(1) Gwendolyn Iris Williams was born 13 December 1911. On 14 May 1943 she married John Andrew Sutter, who died 19 November 1967. They had no children.

(2) William Morris Williams (Bill) was born 10 October 1913 and married on 7 October 1939 to Hazel Ruth Painter. They had no children.

(3) Ruth Audrey Williams was born 10 May 1915. She was married on 5 June 1939 to Clarence Gerhardt Swenson, born 23 June 1913. They had one child, Judith Lee Swenson, born 29 May 1943. She was married on 8 August 1964 to Robert Edward Bill, born 3 January 1941. They have children, one of them named Kristen Bill.

by Vivian E. Sayles

VINCENT, ALICE (HORNING)

F523

Alice, wife of Clarence, of Alice (Coun-

Elizabeth Price (Owsley) Horning and James Robert Horning, parents of Alice Odalite (Horning) Vincent.

tryman), of Henry Daniel, of Daniel, of George, of Conradt.

Alice Odalite Horning, first child of James Robert Horning and Elizath Price Owsley, was born July 18, 1883, Paisley, Lake County, Oregon, and married September 5, 1909, in Portland, Oregon, to Clarence Cornelius Vincent. She was a descendant of Gottlieb Guenther Von Hornung (name changed to Godfrey C. Hornung and later Americanized to George C. Horning) who was born in Prussia in 1792, married a girl by the name of Juliana Dorothea, and had eight children.

Their first son, Frederick Augustus Horning, was born August 20, 1824, near Berlin, in Prussia. When he was nine years of age, his parents with their family of eight children emigrated to America, locating in St. Clair County, Illinois. Five years later they moved to Jackson County, Missouri. He was married there on March 29, 1848, to Mary Ann Johnson. On May 12, 1850, he and his wife and baby started with ox teams to cross the plains to California, but on the plains were induced to change their route on account of scarcity of feed for their stock, and consequently came on to Oregon, arriving at Oregon City October 26, 1850. In December they moved to Benton County, Oregon, where he purchased 375 acres of land and became a most successful farmer, and also ran the first carding mill in the west with his partner, William Groves.

He and his wife had 11 children, the fourth of which was James Robert, born December 4, 1854. Mary Ann died in May 1868, leaving Frederick with 11 children whom he kept together, cared for, educated, and brought to adulthood by himself.

James Robert was married August 6, 1882, in Paisley, Lake County, Oregon, to Elizabeth Price Owsley, who was reported to be the first baby girl born in the Oregon Territory. Her parents, Dr. William Martin Owsley, born August 21, 1819, in Kentucky, and Maria Louise Davis, born November 18, 1834, in Johnson County, Missouri, were married October 27, 1853, in Johnson County. During the next ten years they journeyed west, and had six children, three of whom died in infancy, before they finally reached the Oregon Territory where Elizabeth Price was born February 15, 1864, in Boise, Idaho. When she was 18 years old she married James Robert Horning and they lived in Lake County, Oregon, where he engaged in farming and stock raising. Their six children were born there, the first of whom was Alice Odalite, born July 18, 1883.

Alice was 11 years old when Silver Lake, Oregon, was the scene of the dreadful Christmas Eve tragedy of 1894. In this community of 150 souls, the popular gathering place was the Chrisman General Store, the upstairs of which was called the J.W. Clayton Hall where dances were held weekly over a pine board floor. The hall was also used for dinners and other special occasions. Although many of the men of the locality were away on cattle drives, a Christmas Eve celebration was planned. The hall was decorated with festoons of fragrant pine, and on the stage, at the opposite end of the hall from the door leading to the stairway, was the Christmas tree. A large kerosene lamp stood on an organ by the stage, and several other lamps, each holding more than a gallon of oil, hung from the low ceiling. It was to be a festive occasion for some 170 men, women, and children, many of whom had traveled many miles to get there.

When the dinner was over, benches of boards were arranged in rows and anticipation was mounting as little girls dressed as angels and the "Three Wise Men" and shepherds took part in the program. Restless people jockeyed for better viewing positions where they could see the stage and the gift presentation better. One was George Payne, 18, who started walking on top of a bench. His head struck a lamp and as he tried to right it, spilled oil on the dry pine board floor. The lamp blazed, causing panic, and as a man grabbed the blazing lamp and started for the door, it was knocked from his hand and the flames spread. As panic mounted, another lamp was knocked to the floor and the whole building was aflame. Fear took over. Some knelt in prayer. Everyone screamed orders, but none obeyed. The rush to the narrow door leading to the stairway was so great that many were knocked to the floor and trampled to death. One man managed to get to the window and break the glass, and he called people to jump from it. My mother, Alice Odalite, 11 years old, was saved when her mother, Elizabeth Price Horning, dropped her out of the window and she landed in a barrel of dry goods on the porch of the store below.

Every household in Silver Lake was touched by the tragedy. Fifteen members of the Owsley family, including in-laws, were lost in the blaze. It was a sad time when the men, including my grandfather, James Robert Horning, returned from the cattle drive to find so many of their loved ones gone. Life had to go on, though, and later, in 1909, James Robert and Elizabeth Price moved to Portland with their four remaining children, where he engaged in real estate for a number of years. He died May 7, 1924, at the home of his daughter, Alice Odalite (Horning) Vincent, in Moscow, Idaho; and his wife, Elizabeth Price (Owsley) Horning, also died there March 5, 1943.

Alice Odalite Horning married Clarence Cornelius Vincent, third child of Alice Amanda (Countryman) and Rev. Thomas Talbott Vincent, September 5, 1909. They had three children: Robert Clarence Vincent, born December 21, 1910, in Moscow, Idaho; Alice Elizabeth (Vincent) Keyser Coffman, born November 22, 1913, in Moscow, Idaho; and Wilbur Dale Vincent, born April 26, 1917, in Moscow, Idaho.

by Elizabeth (Vincent) Coffman

VINCENT, CHESTER & GRACE (BEAMAN)

F524

Chester, of Alice (Countryman), of Henry Daniel, of Daniel B., of George, of Conradt.

Chester Leon Vincent, born 13 March 1894 in Portland, Oregon, of Rev. Thomas T. and Alice A. (Countryman) Vincent, died in Portland 19 February 1970. He married 8 September 1918 to Grace Louisa(e) Beaman, born 20 September 1894 in Smith's Mill, Minnesota. She was the only daughter of Henry and Grace L. (Franklin) Beaman, living in Dodge Center, Minnesota. They moved to Woodburn, Oregon, when Louise

Dr. Chester L. Vincent and his wife Grace Louisa (Beaman) Vincent. Chester was the son of Thomas Talbott and Alice Amanda (Countryman) Vincent.

was a young girl. Chester and Louise both graduated from Woodburn High School. She went to Willamette University in Salem, graduating in music. She gave piano lessons for many years. Chester went to the University of Idaho, receiving his B.A. degree in horitculture. He lived in Moscow, Idaho, with the family of his next oldest brother, Clarence C. Vincent, who was a professor at the university.

At the time of World War I, Chester enlisted in the army and was stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington. Louise moved to Tacoma, staying with an aunt of her father's so as to work and be near Chester. It was here he proposed to her. She returned to Woodburn, Oregon, and prepared her trousseau. Her wedding gown was handmade by her Aunt Addie, her mother's sister. Shortly before the men were to be sent overseas, Chester was given a leave and he went to Woodburn, where Louise and he were married. After he returned to Fort Lewis, he was shipped out, going by train to the East Coast; but before they reached the coast, the war was declared ended. Upon getting his discharge, he got a teaching position at Blackfoot, Idaho, and the young couple moved to their first home.

A child, Chester Leon Vincent, Jr., was born 18 November 1919, but he died in Moscow, Idaho, of the flu on 4 June 1922. Chester then moved to Pullman where he started a 40-year career at the State College of Washington as a professor of horticulture. For a time he acted as dean of the department until another man could be hired, as he did not want that job. In 1938 he graduated with a Ph.D. from Cornell University in Ithica, New York, then returning to Washington State College. He was very much respected by his students and was always willing to help any of them if so asked.

Chester was a member of the Masonic Lodge; Royal Arch Masons; American Legion; American Society for Horticultural Science; American Potato Society; Washington State Horticultural Society; Sigma Psi; Phi Kappa Phi; Scolastic and Alpha Zeta social fraternity; Phi Gamma Delta social fraternity; and a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church.

Other children: (2) Vivian Eileen Vincent, born 21 June 1923, Pullman, Washington. She was married on 22 January 1944 to Dale Max Sayles, born 20 February 1920, Winona, Washington. (3) Donald David Vincent, born 31 January 1925, Pullman, Washington. He married Alice Pauline Davison on 17 April 1952. She was born 18 February 1923. (4) Beverly Ann Vincent, born 25 July 1931, Colfax, Washington. She was married to Robert Eastwood McConnell, born 15 July 1930 in Spokane, Washington.

Louise moved several times after Chester's death — they had moved to Oregon upon his retirement. She finally moved to Tillamook, Oregon, to be near her older daughter, Vivian, and family. In 1979 she moved in with them until her death, 13 October 1984, at age 90 years.

by Vivian E. Sayles

Alice Odalite (Horning) Vincent, wife of Clarence Cornelius Vincent and first child of James Robert Horning and Elizabeth Price Owsley, taken in 1934.

Left to right: Elizabeth (Vincent) Coffman, second child of Clarence Cornelius and Alice Odalite (Horning) Vincent; Otis Arthur Coffman, Elizabeth's husband; Wilbur Dale Vincent, third child of Clarence and Alice Vincent; and Erika Maryanne Harms, Wilbur's wife. Wilbur is holding their dog, Spunky. Picture taken in 1983.

VINCENT, CLARENCE & ALICE (HORNING)

F525

Clarence Cornelius Vincent, third child of Alice Amanda (Countryman) and Rev. Thomas Talbott Vincent, taken in 1934.

Robert Clarence Vincent, first child of Clarence Cornelius and Alice Odalite (Horning) Vincent, taken in 1954. Robert died March 4, 1973.

Clarence, of Alice (Countryman), of Henry Daniel, of Daniel, of George, of Conradt.

Clarence Cornelius Vincent, third child of Alice Amanda (Countryman) and Rev. Thomas Talbott Vincent, was born May 3, 1884, in Washington County, Oregon. He was married September 5, 1909, in Portland, Oregon, to Alice Odalite Horning, who was born July 18, 1883, in Paisley, Lake County, Oregon, and died July 4, 1954, in Moscow, Idaho, from a heart attack. Clarence died August 19, 1934, in Spokane, Washington, from a blood clot in the lungs following a hernia operation. Both are buried in the Moscow, Idaho, cemetery.

The children of this union are Robert Clarence, Alice Elizabeth, and Wilbur Dale.

Robert Clarence Vincent was born December 21, 1910, in Moscow, Idaho; married June 5, 1937, in New York, New York, to Elizabeth Mandeville Bracher; died March 4, 1973, North Palm Beach, Florida; buried in Bedford, New York. They had four children: (1) Robert Clarence, Jr., born May 21, 1938, Staten Island, New York, married August 26, 1961, to Barbara Bolich. Their children are Page Pendleton, born December 13, 1964; Caroline Talman, born November 16, 1966; and Robert Clarence III, born February 17, 1969. (2) Peter Coffin, born April 15, 1940 (twin), married September 13, 1969, to Maureen Anne Reynolds. Their children are Catharine White, born December 11, 1970; Allison Egan, born December 22, 1971; Kerby, born December 1974; and Maureen Elizabeth, born December 2, 1978. (3) Elizabeth (Wendy) Mandeville Vincent, born April 15, 1940 (twin), married August 3, 1963, to Robert Irving Townsend. Their children are Robert Irving Townsend III, born October 6, 1965; Christopher Bracher Townsend, born May 5, 1967; and Meredith Elizabeth Townsend, born April 6, 1970. (4) Roger Bracher, born August 26, 1945, married June 20, 1969, to Nancy Lynn Mosenson. Their children are Elizabeth Mandeville, born August 15, 1971; Roger Bracher, born May 24, 1973; and Andrew Mosenson, born February 28, 1975.

Alice Elizabeth Vincent, born November 22, 1913, in Moscow, Idaho, married July 27, 1935, in Moscow, Idaho, to Louis Schroer Keyser. After his death in 1950, she was remarried on February 14, 1953, in Olympia, Washington, to Otis Arthur Coffman, who legally adopted the children of the first union. The children are: (1) Ann Vincent (Keyser) Coffman, born February 5, 1940, Minneapolis, Minnesota, married June 17, 1962, Shelton, Washington, to Dick Sheldon Reed, divorced in 1980. Their children are Deborah Sue, born July 21, 1964; Eugene Sheldon (adopted), born August 5, 1962; Crystal Lynne, born January 15, 1972. Deborah Sue has a daughter, Cathleen Bernadette, born July 7, 1981. (2) Carol Lynn (Keyser) Coffman, born August 4, 1942, Shelton, Washington, married September 14, 1963, Shelton, Washington, to James Richmond Oakes. Their children are Shannon Rae, born September 29, 1969; and James Richmond (J.R.), born February 15, 1972.

Wilbur Dale Vincent, born April 26, 1917, Moscow, Idaho, was married February 28, 1942, in New York, New York, to Erika Maryanna Harms, born August 23, 1914, Neumunster/Holstein, Germany. Their adopted children are: (1) Steven Arnold, born August 3, 1945, and (2) Susan Dale, born January 20, 1949. Susan was married May 18, 1968, in Erie, Pennsylvania, to Basil Hanlon Conway, Jr.; divorced in 1984; and remarried March 30, 1985, to Woodie Zurawski. The child of the first marriage is Erika Marie Conway, born December 12, 1968, Syracuse, New York.

Clarence Cornelius Vincent was 6' 4" tall, and was affectionately known as "Shorty" on the University of Idaho campus, Moscow, Idaho, where he served as head of the horticulture depatment for 24 years until his

death in 1934. During this time he developed the Idared apple, which is a cross between the Wagner and Jonathan, with bright red color, firm flesh, and good keeping quality. He began the apple-breeding program in 1910 and by 1949 he grew and developed 11,000 seedlings, but passed only 100 of them for further trials at the Moscow and Parma, Idaho, experiment stations. Idared was the first to find favor with orchardists in the Pacific Northwest and since has been a success in other parts of the country. Because the name Vincent had already been used for another apple, it was impossible to give this new apple his name, so they named it for the state of Idaho where he developed it, and for the bright red color of the apple. Since his death, several of his other apples have also become successful in various parts of the United States.

After his death, he was listed in *Who Was Who in America* , Volume I, 1897-1942, p. 1279, as follows:

"VINCENT, Clarence Cornelius, prof. horticulture; b. Middleton, Ore., May 3, 1884; s. Thomas T. and Alice (Countryman) V; B.S. in Agr., Ore. Agri. Coll, Corvallis, 1907, M.S., 1909; M.S. Cornell U., 1910; Ph.D. Mass Agrl. Coll., Amherst, Mass., 1929; m. Odalite Alice Horning, 1909; children — Robert Clarence, Elizabeth Alice, Wilbur Dale. Asst. horticulturist Ore. Agrl., Coll, 1907-09, U. of Ida., 1910-11; asso. prof. horticulture, Clemson (S.C.) Coll., 1911-12; asso. prof. horticulture, U. of Ida., 1912-14, prof., 1914 —, also horticulturist Expt. Sta. Author numerous bulletins on hort. subjects; contbg. editor Idaho Farmer. Home: Moscow, Ida. Died Aug. 1934."

by Elizabeth (Vincent) Coffman

VINCENT, DONALD & ALICE (DAVISON)

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Donald, of Chester, of Alice (Countryman), of Henry Daniel, of Daniel B., of George, of Conradt.

Donald David Vincent was born 31 January 1925 in Pullman, Washington. He is a son of Chester and G. Louise (Beaman) Vincent. He attended Washington State College, getting his B.S. degree in 1950 in chemistry. In 1943 he was drafted into the army, fighting during World War II in the Battle of the Bulge, which took place in Germany, France, Belgium, and other countries in Europe. After his discharge, he moved to Columbus, Ohio, to work as a chemist in the Battelle Memorial Institute.

It was in Columbus that he met and married, on 17 April 1952, Alice Pauline Davison, born 18 February 1923. They moved to Freeport, Texas, to work for Freeport Sulfur, then back to Michigan to work as an associate substitute chemist for 13 years.

By then they decided to come west, so settled in Denver and bought into the business of Root and Simpson, assayers. An assayer was "the practitioner, after the physician, of the world's third oldest profession." The Vincents are now the proprietors of Root and Simpson, Inc., a firm of metallurgical chemists and assayers which has been in continuous operation since 1902. The company receives ore samples from all over the world. Because the original place of business was in an area that was becoming very run-down and had had several break-ins, Don decided to move the business to Arvada, Colorado.

The children of this family are:

(1) Donald David Vincent, born 23 August 1953 in Columbus, Ohio, was in the Air Force during the Korean War and was stationed in Iceland for one year. He was married to Diane Smith and is divorced. He has one son, David Jason Vincent, born 3 March 1976, who lives in Denver with his father. The mother has remarried and has more children. David has his own roofing construction business.

(2) Paul Howard Vincent, born 24 April 1955 in Freeport, Texas, spent a year in Korea in the Air Force.

(3) Alice Louise Vincent was born 10 July 1956, Columbus, Ohio. She had a daughter, Rebecca Nicole Vincent Cruishank, born 10 July 1977. On 20 July 1982, Alice Louise married Ron Cruishank. They have a daughter, Megan Paige Cruishank, born 8 November 1983 in Denver. Ron has a son, Travis Cruishank, who lives with them as his mother is dead.

(4) Mark Edward Vincent, born 21 February 1959 in Wyandotte, Michigan, will be graduating from Southern Colorado State University in marketing and computer in 1985.

(5) John Louis Vincent, born 7 September 1967 in Wyandotte, Michigan, will graduate from high school in 1986.

by Vivian E. Sayles

VINCENT, IRA & ANNIE (STEVENS)

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Ira, of Alice (Countryman), of Henry Daniel, of Daniel B., of George, of Conradt.

Ira Lester Vincent was born 30 March 1886 to Alice A. (Countryman) and Thomas T. Vincent. He was married 25 December 1909 to Annie E. Stevens, born 9 April 1890 in Gervais, Oregon. Ira took over the running of his father's farm, living there for many years. When my father, Chester, and mother were married, they honeymooned at Ira's and Annie's home, as Chester had to report for duty at Fort Lewis, Washington, in a week's time. The folks arrived at night in Philometh, Oregon, had supper, and when it was time to retire, Aunt Annie said, "All right, Louise, you will sleep with me, and Chester can sleep with Ira." Annie finally told them she was kidding. When they got ready to put on their night clothes, they found their pajama legs had been sewn shut, and the bed short-sheeted. What a time!

Uncle Ira had a "big farm." There were six or seven cows, and I believe he grew some wheat or oats, and grew his own hay. I remember visiting in the summer with my family as a young girl, and riding in from the fields on the hay wagon, which was piled high with beautiful, golden hay, with my brother and me clear on top. It was pretty scary! When we got to the barn and had to get down, we got to ride the horse up and back, as the rope fastened to the horse was also fastened to the hay rack lifting the hay up into the barn. My aunt took care of the chickens, had a big garden, and also fed the sheep, which had become pretty tame and would have followed us children into the house if they had been allowed. They had a milk separator, a big wood range, and kerosene lamps, one that hung over the dining room table and two on the mantel over the fireplace in the living room. It was a big, beautiful two-story house. One day in the early 1940s, the house burned while the folks were at church. I believe it was an electrical fire, the house by then having electricity. The house was rebuilt, but as a smaller, more modern house, and the feel of the place was never the same.

The children in this family were:

(1) Marjorie Pearl Vincent was born 19 December 1910. She married 24 September 1934. They ran a general store close by her folks' place. They had no children, and she later divorced her husband, Jack Price. On 6 January 1956 she married William P. Mathewson.

(2) Thomas Talbert Vincent was born 23 October 1912. He married Mildren Hamar on 27 July 1940. They had one son, Larry Vincent, born 17 March 1943.

(3) Mary Tabitha Vincent was born 17 June 1917, and married Curtis Plunkett on 13 May 1936. They moved to Cottage Grove, Oregon, and she was a cook in the public schools for a long period of time. Children: Kay Lenore Plunkett, born 22 March 1937, married Dick Newlove on 8 July 1967, no children; Lee Ann Plunkett, born 2 March 1942, married Lester D. Watkins, Sr., on 6 November 1960, children — Lester Dewey Watkins, born 26 December 1960; Michael Lynn Watkins, born 2 November 1961; and Michelle Rene Watkins, born 2 November 1968.

by Vivian E. Sayles

VINCENT, THOMAS T. & ALICE (COUNTRYMAN)

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Alice, of Henry Daniel, of Daniel B., of George, of Conradt.

Thomas Talbott Vincent was born 14 March 1855 in Jackson Township, Allen County, Ohio. His folks were Aschel Holley and Caroline Hart Talbott Vincent. Thomas moved with his family to Le Sueur County, Minnesota, where they bought a farm. After grade school and high school, he attended the State University of Minnesota and at Indianapolis, Indiana. When he was 18 years old, he taught four terms in Minnesota. He moved to Oregon wih his family and very new wife, Alice A. Vincent, nee Countryman.

In Oregon he taught school for ten years, then was elected to become superintendent of school in Washington County in 1884, reelected again in 1886. In 1888 he was licensed by the Evangelical Association as he had felt a call to the ministry. His first church was at Little Falls, Washington, where he helped to build a church and parsonage. In 1893 he was appointed to serve the First English Evangelical Church in Portland for three years, serving churches in Lentz, East

Family picture of the Rev. Thomas T. Vincent and his wife Alice Amanda (Countryman) Vincent. Alice was the daughter of Henry Daniel and Sophronia (Briggs) Countryman. This picture was taken after the death of Alice (12 September 1912) and before T.T.'s death (14 March 1913). Her picture was superimposed upon this picture from another picture taken earlier. Standing left to right: Chester L., Elsie D., Clarence C., Ida M., Ira L., Pearl E., and Ralph O. Seated left to right: Thomas T., Vivian I., and Alice A. (Countryman) Vincent. A ninth child, Jessie, died at an early age.

Portland, and Monmouth, Oregon, until 1898.

Owing to the financial panic of 1893, he finally resigned and took a mail contract in the Kings Valley area of Benton County, Oregon. From 1898 to 1902 he farmed and taught school, also, with the aid of his sons. In 1902 he was elected Recorder of Conveyances in Benton County for four years, and in 1908 was elected Benton County Clerk. He was, to his friends, the "Abe Lincoln" of Benton County. He was tall and angular, had a swinging gait, was kind, gentle, and honest. He transferred his ministerial relationship to the Presbyterian Church in 1905, serving churches in Gervais and Woodburn. Alice was an earnest, faithful Christian, and had a domestic disposition. She died 21 September 1912; Thomas on 14 March 1913, both in Woodburn, Oregon.

In 1896 in a letter to his brother Frank, Thomas wrote of a trip to Minnesota — a portion of the letter I'm adding: "Our present boy Chester who will be 2 yrs. old on the 13 Mar. has the scarlet fever, but is getting along very will. Alice has been sick for a week but is now better. When I went East last fall I went up north on the Canadian Pacific R.R. and crossed over the Rocky Mts. on that road, there is some very fine scenery along the way. It is a nice road to travel over. At Moose Jaw about 500 mi. W. of Winnepeg, we left the C. road and took the 'Soo' line that ran in a S.E. course through N.E. Dakota and across the famous Red River wheat belt. There was an immense crop of wheat in that section this year. I left Portland Sept. 26 at 11:00 A.M. and got to SSt. Paul last day of the month at 6:30 P.M. At 8:10 we left for Chicago arriving there Tues. Oct. 1 at 9:30 A.M. I went out to Jackson park where the world fair was held but there is not much interest left except the 'Columbian Museum' that contains a large collection of curios from all parts of the world. I visited the Union Stockyards, Lincoln Park, the art gallery, Masonic building 21 stories high, went up to the top and had a very good view of the city.

"I spent 5 days in Hastings, Minn., that place hasn't changed much. It has about the same population it had 20 yrs. ago. I went up to Spring lake with Mr. Truax most of the old houses still stand but they have a stock law in the state, the people have taken away nearly all the fences and that changes things a good deal. Mr. Woodworth took me to see the old place, 20 yrs. makes changes, the hills did not seem so high, the fences were gone, little groves had grown up around the farm houses and on our place, all the brush along the creek was cleared out and over on the N.E. corner you remember, was a brush patch and a little poplar grove, gone. Part of the old house still stands, the barn is about as we left it, while the garden is used as a pig pen and the plum trees destroyed. It was home no more, a ghost of former days and like the lifeless corpse, the animating Spirit had fled.

"I then went to Minneapolis to see Alice's father, bros. and sisters. There are 2 bros. and 3 sisters still there. One bro. and sister at Hutchinson 60 mi. w. of Minneapolis and 1 sister 12 mi. N.W. of Minneapolis. I went up to see Huldah Casswell in Morris 150 mi. N.W. of Minneapolis. I found her whole and hearty. I left M. for home 18 Nov. at 7:30 P.M. Went south to Iowa, west through Omaha, s.w. to Colorado Springs, s. to Pueblo, N.W. along the Kansas River and over the mts. by Leadville to Salt Lake City, thence to Ogden on the Sacramento and north home. I was gone nearly two months, enjoyed the trip and gained 16 lbs. Found all well when I got home. Wishing you peace and prosperity and trusting you are living a good fruitful Christian life, I will say goodby. Your brother, T.T. Vincent."

Alice and Thomas had nine children: (1) Ida May, born 21 March 1878, died 30 May 1956, married 8 July 1900; (2) Ralph Oliver, born 13 April 1882, died 3 September 1966, married Leota May Vinson, no children; (3) Clarence Cornelius, born 3 March 1883, died 19 August 1934, married 5 September 1909 to Alice Odalite Horning; (4) Ira Lester, born 30 March 1886, died 18 October 1967, married 25 December 1909 to Annie Stevens; (5) Jessee Edgar, born 26 March 1888, died 5 January 1898; (6) Pearl Elnora, born 5 January 1890, died 27 November 1973, married 24 April 1920 to Sumner Stevens, no children; (7) Elsie D., born 12 April 1892, died 11 September 1975, married 2 October 1910 to Roy E. Williams; (8) Chester Leon, born 13 March 1894, died 19 February 1970, married 8 September 1918 to Grace Louisa(e) Beaman; and (9) Vivian Izeta, born 11 July 1897, died 1 February 1925, married 31 March 1917 to Fred B. Turner.

by Vivian E. Sayles

VOELKER, KEITH E. & BARBARA (HAHN)

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Keith, of Elisabeth (Countryman), of Emery.

Keith Emery Voelker, the only child of Herbert and Elisbeth Voelker, was born on July 3, 1939, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. His mother's maiden name was Elisabeth Countryman. Her parents were Emery and Rebecca Countryman, and her brother was Isaac Byron Countryman. The Emery Countryman family lived first in Sterling, Illinois, and then Dixon, Illinois.

Of particular interest is the fact that President Ronald Reagan's parents lived in an apartment in the Countrymans' Dixon home for several years, and Ronald spent a few summers there during his college years. Rebecca and Nell Reagan, Ronald's mother, became very good friends during this time and corresponded regularly after the Reagans moved to California.

Elisabeth married Herbert E. Voelker on August 5, 1936, and they moved to Milwaukee, where they lived until they died in 1970 (Elisabeth) and 1975 (Herbert). Keith spent many enjoyable holidays and weeks during the summer visiting his grandparents and cousins in Dixon.

Keith married Barbara Jean Hahn on September 14, 1963. They met at Washington High School in Milwaukee and both went to the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Wisconsin, where Keith earned B.B.A., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees. Barbara and Keith's first daughter, Sharon Anne, was born on July 25, 1967, and their second daughter, Judith Lee, was born on September 12, 1969.

The family lived in Kenosha, Wisconsin, from 1965 to 1967 and in Racine, Wisconsin, from 1967 to 1970, where Keith taught business administration and economics at Carthage College. They moved to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, in 1970 and remain there. Keith is a professor of economics at the University of Wisconsin — Oshkosh.

by Keith E. Voelker

WALLACE, HOWARD & HARRIET (COUNTRYMAN)

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Howard Oden Wallace and Harriet Elizabeth (Countryman) Wallace, taken in December 1985.

Harriet, of William A., of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

I, Harriet, was born November 15, 1919, in Hayward, Wisconsin, and adopted by William A. and Eva (Leigh) Countryman in November 1921.

We arrived in Grandview, Washington, in 1936, where I attended school and met Howard Wallace. I graduated from high school in Yakima, Washington, in 1937. My intentions were to go on and become a nurse but the "love bug" bit and I married Howard Wallace on February 25, 1938. We have resided in this area since that time. Howard's family came here before there was any town and lived on a farm near town until they were unable to farm any more and came to live with us in the 1950s. We farmed until 1976 when Howard mangled a hand, had several surgeries, and we then moved to our present home near Grandview and next door to our daughter and husband.

On July 27, 1939, our daughter EvaMarie was born. She graduated in 1957 and went on to nurses training. On May 15, 1959, she married William Lyle Russell of Grandview and they have resided here ever since. Lyle was born May 6, 1939. Lyle has worked for the Safeway Plant for over 20 years and Eva works for Rainier Bank. They have three children: Karen Lynn, born March 9, 1961; Susan Kay, born September 21, 1962; and William (Bill) Howard, born July 27, 1966. Karen married Kyle Shinn (born March 3, 1963) of Mabton, Washington, on March 3, 1984, and they live on a large ranch near Mabton. Susan married Brian Vosburgh (born October 23, 1962) of Kennewick, Washington, May 19, 1984, and they live there. Brian is an electrical engineer and Susan works for Horizon Air. Bill attends college in Pasco, Washington.

On September 18, 1941, our son Gerald Howard was born. He graduated in 1960 and joined the Air Force that same year, staying in until 1968. On June 9, 1961, he married Patricia Arlene Fagan of Prosser, Washington. Patricia was born October 18, 1941. The first years were spent at Air Force bases; then in 1968 they went to Oregon where they reside and have a lumberyard. To this union were born three children: Gerald Scott, born March 10, 1963; Nanette Arlene, born July 20, 1967; and LaRae Denean, born April 6, 1970. Scott married Linda Colbeth (born December 31, 1962) on June 25, 1983, and he works at the lumberyard for the family. Nanette graduated in 1985 and looks forward to attending college in Anderson, Indiana. LaRae is a sophomore in high school.

by Howard and Harriet (Countryman) Wallace

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My father's side begins with John Ward, born 1847 in Decatur, Tennessee. He died in 1919 in Decatur. His spouse, Mary Jane McKenzie, was born in 1845 and died in 1917. They were my great-great-grandparents. Their son, Nicodemus Martin Ward, and Adeline Underwood were my great-grandparents. She was the daughter of William Underwood and Nancy McKenzie of Tennessee.

My grandparents were James Franklin Ward and Dora Hampton, daughter of John Hampton and Mollie Jane Wofford. Mollie died in Athens, Tennessee, at the turn of the century, leaving a widower and three small girls. Mollie's parents were Francis Marion Wofford and Mary Jane Black, both born in Georgia. His parents were James Whitney Wofford, born 1828 in Georgia, and Mary Miller. Her parents were Thomas Black and Elizabeth Pilgrim of Georgia.

Great-grandfather John Hampton, my young grandmother, Dora, and her two sisters, Anne and Pearl, came west to Oregon in the early 1900s, settling close to Salem in Jefferson, Oregon. His farm still stands there today.

Great-grandparents Nick and Addie Ward came west from Tennessee about the same time. I believe the families must have known each other in Tennessee.

James Ward and Dora (Hampton) Ward had the following children: James Leonard Ward, born 1912, died 1985, married Mary Koster; Leona May Ward, born 1914, married Gabe Stanley; John Martin Ward, born 1916, married Luella Stanley; Mildred Laverne Ward, born 1918, died 1972, married Richard Kraushaar; Edwin Franklin Ward, born 1923, married first Betty Owen (my parents); Donald Ward, born 1925, died 1929; Francis Ward, born 1926, died 1929; Kenneth Leroy Ward, born 1930, married first Eva Sutton, married second Catherine Zaloudek; Robert Eugene Ward, born 1933, married Joan Roler; and Delores Ward, born 1936, married first –?– Cochran, married second Dean Riggins.

by Bonnie Waldier

WARD – WALDIER

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Bonnie, of Betty, of Tillman, of Elizabeth, of Andrew, of Margaret, of Isabella (Countryman), of Andreas, of Andreas Frantz, of Hans Fridrich.

My lineage begins with Hans Fridrich Gunterman, who was born ca. 1664 in Entzberg, Germany, and died on 9-16-1717 in West Camp, New York. Hans arrived on Nutters Island in 1710 with the Palatines. His wife was Maria Barbara Simon. Born of this union was Andreas Frantz Conterman, being born ca. 1695 in Germany. My line follows through his second wife, Cornelia Keyser, baptized 1703 in New York. Their son, Andreas Countryman, was my fifth great-grandfather. He was baptized in 1732 in Kingston, New York, and died ca. 1773 at St. Marks Parish, South Carolina. His wife, Elizabeth –?– was probably born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and we know that she died in Jackson County, North Carolina, in 1834 at a very old age. Family tradition tells us that she served water all day long to the soldiers of the American Revolution at the battle of Cowpens, South Carolina.

Through their daughter, Isabella Countryman, and her spouse, James Holmes Bryson, was born my third great-grandmother, Margaret Bryson, born 1784 and died 1847 in North Carolina. She wed Henry Wood, and to them was born my ancestor, Andrew Jackson Wood, in 1816. He wed Jane Henderson, daughter of Archibald Henderson and Jane (Plemmons) Henderson. I have a copy of Andy Wood's autobiography, and it is so interesting to read about how he lived and felt so many years ago.

Among their children was my great-grandmother, Elizabeth Caroline Wood, who wed Alfred Henry Owen, born in 1846 in Transylvania County, North Carolina. Elizabeth (Betty) was born in 1848 in Macon County, North Carolina, and died in August 1894 of consumption. Of their children was my grandfather, Tillman Houston Owen, born 1872 on Wolf Mountain, North Carolina. My grandmother was Ruth Chapman of Pickens County, South Carolina. She was the daughter of Josiah Chapman and Laura (Powell) Chapman.

In 1907 my grandparents migrated by train to the state of Washington, where grandfather continued to log until his death in 1928. They had the following children: Samuel Loyd Owen, born 1904 in Laurel Fork, South Carolina, died 1921 in Washington; Laura Mae Owen, born 1906 in Rosman, North Carolina, married Bernard Smith; Minnie Blanche Owen, born 1907, Oak Pt., Washington, married Jack Robinson; Hollie Louella Owen, born 1909, Oak Pt., Washington, died September 6, 1968, married Loyd Ward; Thomas Abe Owen, born 1915, Oak Pt., Washington, died 1928; Electa Pauline Owen, born 1919, Clatskanie, Oregon, died 1934; Betty Melvina Lou Owen, born 1921, Oak Pt., Washington, married Edwin Ward; and Georgia Flodeen Owen, born 1926, Clatskanie, Oregon, married George Akin.

The seventh child is my mother, Betty Owen. I was born on March 3, 1940, in Kelso, Washington. I married, first, Richard Henry

Schwartz of Minnesota, and we have three children, Richard, Angela, and Teresa. Richard John Schwartz, born May 1, 1961, in Oregon, married Leslie Ross, and they are expecting a baby in March 1986. Angela Marie Schwartz, born August 16, 1962, in Oregon, married Andy Wheatley. Their first child is Zachery Levi Wheatley, born 3-20-84, and Angie is expecting again in April 1986. Teresa Ruth Schwartz, born June 2, 1964, in Oregon, married Richard Armendariz, and their two children are Kristin Elizabeth Armendariz, born 5-20-84, and Richard Ryan Armendariz, born July 6, 1985. From my second marriage to Bruce Edward Waldier, we have Christopher John Waldier born June 3, 1974, in Roseburg, Oregon.

by Bonnie Waldier

WATERS, LEO & LOUISA (TOBIN)

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Leo and Louise Waters celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary, January 7, 1985.

Leo, of Cora Belle (Todd), of Phebe Jane (Countryman), of Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of Johan Frederich.

Leo Thomas Waters, son of Thomas and Cora Belle (Todd) Waters, was born 29 July 1900 in Frankville Township, Winneshiek County, Iowa. He moved to Emmet County, Iowa, in 1901 with his parents and two sisters. He attended the Sunde Valley school while on the farm, later the Estherville public schools, graduating in 1919. After one year of school in Orange, California, he returned and was employed by Sconberg and Kilgore Grocery and Hardware.

Leo married Louisa Ann Tobin on 7 January 1925 in Fairmont, Minnesota. Two sons were born to this marriage: John Merrill, born 24 March 1926, residing at Rapid City, South Dakota; and Norman Leo, born 24 August 1932. Son Norman died 4 May 1981 at his home in Davenport, Iowa. He was an active community worker, a Korean army veteran, and worked as an agent for State Farm Insurance of Davenport. Norman married Marilyn Goodell and had three children, Debra, Beth, and Bret. He married second Barbara Ehlers. Son John married Dorothy Warren and they had four children, Michael, Barbara, Beverly, and Patricia.

In 1931 Leo received a civil service appointment as a letter carrier. After 30 years of service he retired on 1 June 1961. Leo and Louise still maintain their home in Estherville, Iowa. Since 1961 they have owned and operated the Dancing Waters Resort on Hand Lake, out of Pine River, Minnesota.

In 1952 Leo and Louise started teaching square and round dancing. They worked through the schools in adult education, had classes in clubs and various church groups in Estherville and surrounding territory. They also have square dancing for their patrons in their recreation building at the Pine River resort.

Although their real wedding date is January 7th, Leo and Louise celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary 24 March 1985 with an open house at the Senior Citizen Center in Estherville, Iowa. Hosting the event were their children, John and Dorothy Waters of Rapid City, South Dakota, and Mrs. Norman (Barbara) Waters of Davenport, Iowa. Two hundred sixteen relatives and friends registered from 38 cities and five states. The open house was preceded by a dinner at 11:30 for 103 relatives and friends. Father Albert Grendler gave the blessing and Rev. Fred Sawyer gave a talk for the occasion.

The couple cut the first piece of cake, then it was served by daughters-in-law Dorothy and Barbara Waters. Granddaughters Barbara and Patricia Waters of Rapid City, South Dakota, and Beverly Bhiley of Omaha, Nebraska, registered guests and poured punch. All corsages and boutonnieres were yellow and white carnations, the original wedding colors. Among their honored guests were great-grandchildren Michael and Sue Waters,: Kristal Waters; Donna, Sarah, and Amanda Bhiley; and nephew Todd Waters of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The couple received phone calls from grandson Bret Waters of Seattle, Washington; Leo's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Waters of Escondido, California; and his sisters, Evelyn Schistal of Mesa, Arizona, and Myrtle Waters of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

A day that we, Leo and Louise, will always remember.

by Leo T. Waters

WATERS, VERN & WINONA (MITCHELL)

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Vern, of Cora Belle (Todd), of Phebe Jane (Countryman), of Cornelius, of Henry, of Frederick, of Andreas, of Johan Frederich.

Vern Samuel Waters, son of Thomas Waters and Cora Belle Todd, was born at Estherville, Iowa, on November 13, 1912. He attended Estherville school until 1928 when he moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, to live with his mother and sisters. There he attended Central High School and graduated in 1931. He then attended McAllister College and graduated from there with a degree in chemical engineering in 1937.

While attending college he worked for

Winona and Vern Waters at their home in Escondido, California.

Tassies Bakery; there he met co-worker Winona Mitchell, who was to become his wife. They were married on March 26, 1937, at Glendive, Montana. Residing in St. Paul, he was employed as chemical engineer for General Mills. His entire working years were with General Mills.

In 1943 he transferred to Keokuk, Iowa, to open a new plant there. After 19 years there as plant manager, he returned to live in Minneapolis and work for General Mills there.

During his years of work he made trips to Europe to check on any improved methods on milling that would be beneficial to General Mills. Winona also accompanied him on some of these trips and they spent vacations after business touring many European countries.

He retired from General Mills in 1977 to live at their lake home on Lake Minnetonka at Wayzata, Minnesota.

They bought a home in Florida, but due to climatic conditions they moved back to their lake home after one year. In 1984 they purchased a home in Escondido, California, and continue to live there at the present time.

Vern and Winona are parents of three children as follows: Linda, a University of Minnesota graduate in medical technology, has three children, Kathryn, Laurel, and Brandon Hertel; Jeanne, a U. of M. graduate in occupational therapy, has two children, Christopher and Susanne; and Todd, a St. Cloud University graduate in psychology. Todd owns Waters Advertising in Minneapolis.

Vern and Winona will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on March 26, 1987. Plans for this event will be announced at a future date.

by Vern Waters

WEAVER, KELLY & SUSANNE (COUNTRYMAN)

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Susanne, of Willard, of Jackson Delbert, of Andrew Jackson, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Susanne Lee, daughter of Willard Andrew and Lois J. (Bolles) Countryman, was born November 8, 1953. We lived on a farm south of Moville, Iowa. My family consisted of four children: Vicki, the eldest; I was the second; Tracy, the third child and only son; and Amy, the last born. I have many happy memories of growing up there. I remember playing with our cousins down by the grove, swimming in the horse tank in the summer, and making houses out of the corn crib stalls.

In 1964 we moved to the Neubaum farm and I lived there until my marriage. I attended school at Woodbury Central in Moville and Climbing Hill, Iowa, and graduated from there in 1972.

I married Kelly Weaver on May 12, 1973. Our first child, a daughter, Tiffany Ann, was born September 8, 1973. Our second child, a son, Dax Michael, was born August 24, 1979. We presently reside in the town of Moville, where our children are attending school. Kelly raises turkeys on a farm east of Moville and I am employed at the First Trust & Savings Bank in Moville.

Our children are the center of our lives, but we also enjoy several other activities. Kelly works part time for ASCS during his time off from turkeys, and he also loves to hunt. I enjoy aerobics and tap dancing. Tiffany is also involved in tap dancing, gymnastics, and several school activities. Dax plays soccer and hopes to play T-ball next summer.

by Susanne Countryman Weaver

WEAVER, MICHAEL & PAMELA (COUNTRYMAN)

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Pamela, of Lloyd, of Delbert, of A.J., of Peter, of Conrad second, of Jacob, of Conrad first, of Johann Fredrich.

Pamela Gail, daughter of Lloyd and Edna (Neer) Countryman, was born February 20, 1956, at St. Lukes Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa. We lived on our farm three miles east of Moville, Iowa. Dad milked dairy cows and we would have to bottle-feed the calves every morning and night. That is just one memory of the farm. After Dad got out of the dairy business, they opened a restaurant, Uptown Cafe, which was located on Main Street in Moville. I worked at the cafe and walked beans for spending money during the summer. I graduated from Woodbury Central High School on May 20, 1974.

I had planned to attend Kirkwood College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, after graduation, but decided to attend Western Iowa Tech in Sioux City instead. After completing the nurses aid course I started working at St. Lukes Hospital. I enjoyed the medical field,

Mike, Pam, and Jason Weaver.

Amanda Jo Weaver, the latest addition to the Michael Weaver family.

but the midnight shifts were hard to get used to, so I quit and started working for Drs. Hagen, Bristow, and Van Voorhis. After three years at the doctors' office there was still something missing.

I wanted adventure and to get away and travel, since we never traveled as a family. I signed up with Braniff Airline School and would be attending school in Dallas, Texas. A few months later I met Michael Weaver, son of Wayne and Agnes Weaver. He was born on January 4, 1949, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Mike had one sister, Catherine, who died December 12, 1985, from a childhood disease. They lived in South Dakota until March of 1967. He served with the Marines in Vietnam in 1969.

In August of 1979 I journeyed to Dallas where I attended school. After school was completed I returned home for a short time, but returned to Dallas to pursue my career. I worked in Dallas at a travel agency for eight months. Dallas was too big for my blood, so I returned home to be with my family and friends. Shortly after returning home, I began working at Iowa Beef Processors as an export billing clerk. Mike and I kept in contact while I was in Dallas and continued dating after I came home. We were married a year later, May 23, 1981, at a small church ceremony at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Sioux City, Iowa. Later that evening we held a big reception at the Meadows in Moville, Iowa, with all of our family and friends joining us in our celebration. We lived in a trailer house until September of 1981. At that time we purchased our first home in South Sioux City, Nebraska, where we presently live.

Our first son, Justin Charles, was stillborn Sunday July 24, 1983, but God blessed us with another son just a year later. Jason Michael was born Friday July 20, 1984, at St. Lukes Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa. I quit IBP shortly after Jason was born. Our daughter, Amanda Jo, was born Tuesday May 6, 1986.

by Pam Weaver

WEBB, REUBEN & CHRISTINE (COUNTRYMAN)

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Reuben and Christine (Countryman) Webb and family in the early 1930s.

Christine, of Delbert, of John Henry, of Joseph, of John Adam, of Conradt II, of Conradt I, of John Frederick.

Permilla Mary Christine Countryman was born on January 31, 1904, in Dallas County, Iowa. She was the daughter of Delbert Eugene and Lydia (Pitts) Countryman. On August 12, 1922, she married Reuben William Webb in the E.U.B. Church on Panther Creek in Dallas County. Reuben Webb is a brother to Walter Webb, her sister Edna Blanch's husband.

The Webbs lived in Dallas and Madison County, Iowa. To this couple were born three children: (1) Dorothy Elizabeth, born 9-17-23, died 11-7-1961, buried Earlham Cemetery; (2) Fern Ruth, born 9-21-25; (3) Byron Floyd, born 2-28-28.

This was my father's older sister and her family. I loved going out to their farm and spending all the time I could with them. Dorothy married Dale Gordon, a first cousin to my mother, Deva Jane (Duffield) Countryman, so this made the families real close. Dorothy and Dale had one son, Daryl Eugene Gordon. He and I grew up together as much as we could. He was more of a brother to me than my own brother, Calvin, was.

Fern married Mercer V. Davis. Byron married Darlene Slater. Both have families and both live in the Madison County – Dallas County area.

Christine passed away in Madison County, Iowa, on October 24, 1979, and is buried in Earlham Cemetery beside her daughter, Dorothy E. Gordon Coffin, and brother Roy A. and sister Edna.

by Donald P. Countryman

WEBB, WALTER & EDNA (COUNTRYMAN)

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Walter Webb, Edna (Countryman) Webb, Christine (Countryman) Webb, and Reuben W. Webb. Brothers married sisters.

Edna, of Delbert, of John Henry, of Joseph, of John Adam, of Conradt II, of Conradt I, of John Frederick.

Edna Blanch Countryman was born December 18, 1902. She married Walter Webb in February 1922. She and Walter made Earlham, Madison County, Iowa, their home. Edna died in 1958.

by Donald P. Countryman

WEICK – GRABENHOFER

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Bonnie, of Lorraine (Barth), of Grace (Countryman), of Edwin, of Abram, of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

On 22 September 1959 Bonnie Laureen was born to George Allan Weick and his wife Lorraine M. Barth at Community Memorial General Hospital, LaGrange, Illinois. She was baptized on 20 December 1959 by the Reverend F.L. Rickleff at Faith Evangelical United Brethren Church (now United Methodist) in Elmhurst, Illinois.

Bonnie lived with her parents, an older sister, Cindy, and two younger brothers, David and Eric, in a house in Westchester, Illinois, until her marriage in 1979. Upon entering second grade she joined the Bluebirds, remaining an active Campfire Girl for ten years. She began piano lessons in second grade and continued through eighth grade, performing in annual recitals, and then studied piano for three years while in college, memorizing classical compositions to be played in recitals. The students performed on a concert grand piano which was sitting on top of a steel frame and casters. Bonnie

Bonnie Weick married Gary Grabenhofer on 2 June 1979 at Faith United Methodist Church, Elmhurst, Illinois. Her sister, Cindy, made her dress.

Bonnie (Weick) and Gary Grabenhofer, holding Jessica (age 2 years 9 months) and Joanna (age 7 months). First family portrait, taken December 1985 for annual photo Christmas card, at home in Elmhurst, DuPage County, Illinois. Bonnie is a granddaughter of Grace (Countryman) and Milton Barth, and daughter of Lorraine (Barth) and Allan Weick.

recalls her first recital where she was so nervous that her leg was shaking and because the piece required use of the pedal, the whole piano was shaking, too!

Bonnie began alto saxophone lessons in fourth grade and played through her second year of college. She took guitar lessons while in high school, but only continued for one year because she felt she was not practicing enough to make "$6 per half hour" worth it! She also enjoyed baton, tennis, archery and swimming lessons, babysitting and church youth camps. (During a storm a large tree branch ripped through the tent she was sleeping in — so much for roughing it!) When Bonnie was 12 she begged her parents for a new kitten. (The family already owned a puppy.) She promised to buy all the necessities and pay all the bills. Her parents consented and she loved that kitten, named "Christofer," but she had trouble living up to her promises! Bonnie collects dolls and bells, with over 100 items in each collection. She was confirmed and joined the church on 30 March 1972 under Rev. Willis A Locke.

In '74–'75 Bonnie assisted her mother in the first year of the present children's music program at church. From '77–'84 Bonnie directed the cherub choir (ages 3–5) and the carol choir (grades 1–3). In the fall of '84 she took full responsibility for the children's choir program, which also includes the chapel choir (grades 4–8). The choirs perform a musical production at the end of each choir year. Additionally, she sings in the chancel choir and in a contemporary group called "Faith Singers."

Bonnie graduated from Proviso West High School in Hillside, Illinois, in 1977 as a member of the National Honor Society. During commencement, she won a $100 scholarship — ten names were drawn out of a hat! She continued her education at Triton Junior College in River Grove, Illinois, graduating in 1980 with an A.A. in liberal arts and an A.S. in early childhood education. In August of '80 she began a job as head teacher in the three-year-old class at Raggedy Ann Learning Center in Elmhurst.

In February of '76 Bonnie noticed an

unfamiliar young man attending church. The new fellow noticed her, too, but they did not officially meet until a few months later when, after church, Cindy said to him, "Gary, I'd like you to meet my sister Bonnie." Gary's jaw nearly hit the floor when he realized "Bonnie" was the sister of the girl he was currently dating! Soon Bonnie and Gary began dating and three years later, on 2 June 1979, they were married at Faith Church by the Reverend William Obalil.

Gary Louis Grabenhofer was born 10 December 1955 to John and Edith (LeMaster) Grabenhofer of Elmhurst at Elmhurst Memorial Hospital. He has lived in Elmhurst all his life and graduated from York Community High School, Elmhurst, in 1974. He graduated from DeVry Institute of Technology, Chicago, in 1977 with an associate's degree in engineering technology. Six months before they were married, Gary quit his job to become a self employed livery driver, servicing the O'Hare Airport area. Bonnie's mother called off all wedding plans until Gary got himself a "real" job! Gary joined Faith Church in the spring of '76 and is active in the church's ministries. He enjoys camping, handball, and woodworking, and is employed by Technicon, Elmhurst, servicing blood serum analyzers in area hospitals. Bonnie and Gary live in Elmhurst, in a house Gary bought in October of 1977.

Bonnie quit teaching preschool the end of January 1983 to become a full-time mom. Contrary to the current trend, Bonnie and Gary firmly believe that young children need their mothers more than an "early education." Jessica Noelle was born 3 March 1983 at Hinsdale Hospital, Hinsdale, DuPage County, Illinois. Jessica was dedicated on 18 September 1983 at Faith Church by Rev. Cecil Dallas. She enjoys books and playing dolls, loving her "babies" just like a real mommy! Joanna Joy was born on 19 April 1985 at Hinsdale Hospital. The hospital had just incorporated a "Holding Program," so Jessica and her grandparents came to Bonnie's hospital room, scrubbed up, donned gowns, and held the new baby! Joanna was dedicated on 19 January 1986 at Faith Church by Rev. Dallas.

by Bonnie Grabenhofer

WEICK - KRAUSE

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Cynthia, of Lorraine (Barth), of Grace (Countryman), of Edwin, of Abram, of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

After being married ten months, George Allan Weick and Lorraine Marzella Barth ended their newlywed status to become the parents of Cynthia Marzella, born 28 April 1957 at Community Memorial General Hospital in LaGrange, Cook County, Illinois. Grandmother Grace was the obstetric nurse assisting with the birth. Cindy was brought home to Westchester, Cook County, Illinois, where she lived until she married.

Early childhood brings few memories — mostly fighting with my younger sister Bonnie over a blue tricycle, and playing in a sandbox made out of a tractor tire. Grade school brings back more memories — things

Cynthia (Weick), Jonathan (age 9 months) and Jeffrey Krause. Photo taken December 1985 at home in Villa Park, DuPage County, Illinois, for annual Christmas card. Cindy is a great-granddaughter of Edwin and Lottie (Goembel) Countryman and daughter of Lorraine (Barth) and Allan Weick.

like getting my tonsils out two days before Thanksgiving when I was in first grade (no turkey that year — just Grandma's tapioca pudding) and missing the Valentine's Day school party because of the chicken pox in second grade. Piano lessons, Campfire Girls and learning to sew in second grade were the start of the ongoing "busy years." Added to that were band (alto sax) in fourth grade, band camp, church camp, swimming lessons, junior lifesaving, making a big turkey dinner for my home-ec project (when most made hot dogs), and making my eighth grade graduation dress in 1971.

High school continued with the busy schedule including band, jazz band, synchronized swimming, sewing, and life-saving certification. The summer of 1974 I tabulated almost 500 hours of volunteer time at Hines VA Hospital. I graduated from Proviso West High School, Hillside, Illinois, in 1975.

By the time I was in seventh grade, I knew I wanted to major in music. With that in mind, I attended Triton Junior College in River Grove, Illinois, from 1975–1977. I graduated with an Associate of Arts degree in music. While there, I was president of the jazz band which toured Mexico, and was also initiated into Phi Theta Kappa — an honorary fraternity. I also went skydiving that summer, and have 12 jumps to my credit. I transferred to Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois, where I was involved in Jazz Band (which toured the Southwest and California), band, in "pit crews" for plays, and became a member of Sigma Alpha Iota (international music fraternity) and Kappa Delta Pi (education honorary). Spring semester of 1979 found me student teaching in Washington and Lowpoint-Washburn, Illinois. One week of that was spent on crutches after being hit by a car on 2 March 1979 (my brother Eric's 13th birthday). I graduated in 1979 with a Bachelor of Music Education (instrumental concentration) degree with K–12 certification.

After graduation I spent the summer at my grandparents' (Weick) home in Florida. My few years in the work force were spent mostly as a substitute teacher. I was also involved in accompanying contests and concerts, director of music at Faith United Methodist Church in Elmhurst, Illinois, scored girls' volleyball and boys' wrestling meets. In my "free time," I went to Europe in 1981 as part of the Methodist Festival Choir, counseled IWU Summer Band Camp, went to Germany with my mom and grandmother to be the chauffeur and interpreter on a "roots" expedition, and have done much sewing for weddings and myself. In all that, a friend took me to hear a bluegrass band and meet a banjo player on 28 November 1980. We were engaged on 26 December 1981 and married on a hot 17 July 1982. (I designed my dress.)

Jeffrey David Krause was born 13 July 1959 at Hinsdale Hospital, Hinsdale, Illinois, to Harold Christian and Rose Marie (McNamee) Krause. He spent the majority of his childhood in Clarendon Hills, Illinois, and graduated from Lyons Township High School, LaGrange, Illinois, in 1977. Jeff attended College of DuPage where he received an Associate in Arts degree, and then attended University of Illinois Chicago Circle where, after taking a year off, he finished his Bachelor of Science–Accounting degree in 1983. He passed the CPA exam on the first try in May 1984 and, since April 1985, has worked for the First Chicago Corp. Jeff also played in several bluegrass bands, including the Greater Chicago and Prairie Union bands.

On 15 June 1984, after several months of serious study, we became Christians according to Biblical teaching. We became part of the Chicago Church of Christ in Oak Park and have been quite active in child care, teaching and other capacities.

On 2 March 1985 ("Uncle" Eric's 19th birthday and six years after my accident), we celebrated the birth of our first son. Jonathan Christian Krause made his debut at 9 lbs. 10 oz. and 23½ inches at Hinsdale Hospital, Illinois. His accomplishments include getting into mischief and learning to walk.

by Cindy Krause

WEICK, DAVID & KAREN (EGNER)

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David, of Lorraine (Barth), of Grace (Countryman), of Edwin, of Abram, of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

David Allan was born at LaGrange Hospital, Cook County, Illinois, on 17 May 1961. His parents are Lorraine Marzella Barth and George Allan Weick. His grandmother Grace Barth was practicing obstetrical nursing at the time and attended his birth. David was born with two congenital defects with no traceable origins. At age seven months, two weeks before Christmas, the middle lobe of his right lung, diseased with emphysema, was removed at LaGrange Hospital. Shortly before his fourth birthday, the other defect — coarctation of the aorta — was repaired at Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago. Active before this surgery, there was now no stopping him. After he was seen at 6:30 one morning leading his roommates to the bathroom — he had pushed a chair up to each crib and helped each child climb out — the nurses were happy the doctor released him three days early! The following year he grew six inches and gained 11 pounds!

Karen (Egner) and David Weick at the altar of Faith United Methodist Church, Elmhurst, Illinois, on their wedding day, 24 August 1985. David is the son of Lorraine (Barth) and Allan Weick and great-grandson of Edwin and Lottie (Goembel) Countryman.

On 23 July 1961 David was consecrated at Faith Evangelical United Brethren Church (now United Methodist). Elmhurst, DuPage County, by the Reverend Willis A. Locke, the pastor who saw the family through the two difficult surgeries. David was in the pastor's class which proclaimed their faith in Christ publicly on 2 June 1974. He was active in the youth fellowship, serving as president two years, and later as assistant director (one year) and director (one year). He also served musically in the adult choir, Faith Singers, and handbell choir.

David was in the YMCA Indian Guides with his dad for two years, played Little League, took piano lessons for a few years, and began drum lessons in fourth grade, continuing in band through high school. To save money for a seven-piece drum set, to pay for car insurance, and to buy a motorcycle, David delivered morning newspapers seven days a week for two years (the last year sharing with his brother), was custodian (or co-custodian) at church for seven years, helped his father at the studio, cut grass, worked for a monument company, and sorted packages at United Parcel Service. Recreationally, he enjoys camping, swimming, basketball (junior high team), volleyball, and softball (church team).

In 1979 David graduated from Proviso West High School, Hillside. The following year he worked to save money for a motorcycle trip. Two days after his 19th birthday he set out for the West, returning seven and one-half weeks and 9000 miles later, full of tales and a few bruises, but feeling spiritually renewed. His education continued the next two years at Triton Community College, River Grove, and then at North Central College, Naperville, from which he was graduated 1 September 1984 with a B.A. degree in psychology.

In 1981 David and his sister Cindy (with their mother as one of the chaperones) were part of the 110-voice (ages 16–24) Methodist Festival Choir which toured England and made stops in Paris; Baden, Switzerland; Salzburg, Austria; and Munich, Heidelberg, and Weisbaden, Germany. The requirement was memorizing 14 anthems before arriving at Shenandoah College, Virginia, for three days of intense rehearsing. Singing in Westminster Abbey and Notre Dame Cathedral were rare privileges!

Another educational experience for David was rebuilding the family's old 1967 Plymouth wagon which had sat in the garage for four years. After a year of hard work the car had to be scrapped anyway because a welding problem had developed.

In 1983 David became involved with a Christian contemporary music group called Common Ground. They did programs for churches until the fall of '84 when they began renovating a store front in Elmhurst for a coffeehouse-type outreach center. The center, which they call "Common Ground," opened 29 March 1985 and provides Christian entertainment on Friday and Saturday evenings — free! During college David learned to play guitar, and has written about 15 songs. He and his brother, Eric, have provided some of the entertainment at the center. He is currently employed by an electrical contractor.

On 24 August 1985 at Faith Church, Elmhurst, David was married to Miss Karen Evelyn Melagros Egner of Elmhurst. Karen was born 19 September 1963 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, to Agnes (Tebar) and Errol Edward Egner II. Her mother's family were from Spain and Italy; her father, a native of Spain, is a marine biologist. They were divorced when Karen was quite small, and her mother later married Roger Berkshire. At age five Karen came with her family to the States, living first in New York about four months before settling in the Chicago area. At church Karen taught the nursery class and sang with Faith Singers. Together she and David worked with the "New Life" fellowship for fifth through eighth grades, as well as being part of the staff at Common Ground. English horseback riding and swimming are Karen's favorite sports. David and Karen reside in Elmhurst.

by Lorraine Weick

WEICK, GEORGE ALLAN & LORRAINE M. (BARTH)

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Lorraine, of Grace (Countryman), of Edwin, of Abram, of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

On 24 September 1932 Milton Edwin Barth and his wife Grace Countryman became the parents of Lorraine Marzella, born at West Suburban Hospital, Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois, where mother Grace had taken her nurse's training. The family resided in Elmhurst where father Milton was a hardware merchant. Lorraine's first birthday was celebrated on her grandparents' farm near Rockford and was the occasion of her

Lorraine (Barth) and Allan Weick on their wedding day, 15 June 1956 at Faith Evangelical United Brethren Church, Elmhurst, DuPage County, Illinois. Lorraine is a granddaughter of Edwin and Lottie Countryman, and daughter of Milton and Grace Barth.

The children of Lorraine (Barth) and Allan Weick in December 1966. David, Cynthia holding Eric, and Bonnie. They are the great-grandchildren of Edwin and Lottie Countryman. Photo taken at their father's studio in Chicago for the family's annual photo Christmas card. On the card the children were being carried in Santa's pack.

The Allan Weick family. Photo taken in May 1973 at Elmhurst, Illinois, for their church directory. Beginning in front: Lorraine (Barth) and Allan Weick, Eric, then David and Bonnie, with Cynthia on top.

Eric Weick, son of Lorraine (Barth) and Allan Weick, grandson of Grace (Countryman) and Milton Barth. Senior portrait taken in August 1983 at Hillside, Cook County, Illinois. Graduation was in June 1984.

baptism by grandfather Reverend Edwin Countryman. Many Christmases and summer vacations were spent on this farm — a quiet retreat from the city.

Lorraine began piano lessons in second grade, but resented practicing. Because of childhood eczema the doctor suggested giving up the lessons in eighth grade. Six months vacation was long enough for her to realize she truly missed the practicing. From then on piano (and later organ) became a major part of her life, and she has been the organist at their church, Faith United Methodist (formerly Evangelical United Brethren) in Elmhurst, for most of the years since 1953. From fourth grade through high school, Lorraine played her dad's tenor saxophone. Contests and tours were valuable experiences. She also had lessons in baton, sang in the junior choir (and later adult choir), was active in the Christian Endeavor, and enjoyed church youth camp and camp meetings. She learned her catechism and joined the church on Palm Sunday 1942 under Pastor Parke O. Bailey.

After graduation from York Community High School in 1950, Lorraine continued her education at North Central College in Naperville, DuPage County, Illinois. In 1954 she received a Bachelor of Arts degree with majors in music and religious education. While there, in 1952, a mutual friend arranged a blind date with a sailor home on leave. Coincidently he had also graduated from York High School! The romance blossomed and three and a half years later on 15 June 1956 the couple were married at Faith Church by the Reverend Frederick L. Rickleff.

George Allan Weick was born 3 September 1931 at West Suburban Hospital to George Theodore and Edna (Hagen) Weick of Berwyn, Cook County, Illinois. The family moved to Villa Park, DuPage County, in 1944 and here Allan attended his last year of grade school. He graduated from York in 1949 and attended North Central College one year. The following summer he helped an uncle cut down mangrove trees so a canal could be dug to form his residential island in Wilton Manor, near Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Allan then joined the navy (Korean Conflict), serving two years on the destroyer USS *O'Hare* and two years on the destroyer-tender USS *Sierra* as a photographer, being discharged in December 1954. He attended the Germain School of Photography in New York City, and worked for several studios before becoming a co-owner in 1964 of A&B Photography, Incorporated, a commercial studio in Chicago. Allan's early ambition to become a pilot was hampered by his color-blindness! His uncle Fred Weick is well known in the small aircraft field as designer of the Ercoupe. Allan enjoys the church softball team, camping, fishing, and carpentry.

The newlyweds first lived in Cicero, Cook County, close to the Illinois Bell Telephone Company where Lorraine was employed as a service representative. In March 1957 they moved into a new home in Westchester, Cook County. Six weeks later a daughter, Cynthia Marzella, was born. Then followed Bonnie Laureen, David Allan, Eric Dean, and the raising of the roof to add a second story to their two-bedroom home in the fall of 1967.

Eric was born 2 March 1966 at LaGrange Hospital, Cook County — a live doll for Cindy, age 8, and Bonnie, age 6; and someone to tease for David, age 4! He was baptized by the Reverend Willis A. Locke on 3 April 1966 at Faith Church. Eric learned to swim at the YMCA at age 4, began piano lessons in third grade, and cornet lessons in fourth, but switched to trumpet in seventh grade after earning enough money to pay half the purchase price. He also enjoyed children's choirs — a program his mother organized in 1974 and which continues to be an important ministry of the church for children age three through grade eight; "I Am His" Club (sixth–eighth grades, serving as president); basketball team (sixth–eighth grades); HO train lay-out; and making double-recipe, decorated cookies for birthday gifts. He completed his confirmation class and publically confessed his faith on 3 June 1979.

More recently there has been youth fellowship (serving as president), brass ensemble, handbells, Faith Singers, writing and producing three Y.F. Easter Sunrise plays (1984–85–86), playing King Nebuchadnezzar in *It's Cool in the Furnace* (1985), the church softball team, church custodial work, helping with church youth, and helping his dad at the studio. Although he has less than two years of formal piano lessons, he has taught himself to play many songs, and has entertained at Common Ground (Christian outreach center), singing and accompanying himself on piano or his synthesizer — another special interest! (He has composed two songs which he entitled "The Devil is a Creepin' Crawlin' Creature" and "Why Did He Die", based on John 3:16.) In 1986 he became their official sound technician. Eric graduated from Proviso West High School in Hillside in 1984 and is currently attending Triton Community College in River Grove.

A highlight of the family's activities has been their church family camp which has been held yearly in Wisconsin since 1973. In 1981 Lorraine helped chaperone the 110-voice Methodist Festival Choir (which included Cindy and David) on a three-week European tour, and enjoyed a trip to Germany with her mother and Cindy in 1983. History is her special interest — both church and family. She enjoys both research and writing.

by Lorraine Weick

WHEATON, ETHLYN (COUNTRYMAN)

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Ethlyn Maude (Countryman) Wheaton Keesey with her brothers, David Alfred Countryman and Edward Sears Countryman.

Ethlyn, of John Henry, of Joseph, of John Adam, of Conradt II, of Conradt I, of John Frederick.

Ethlyn Maude Countryman was the third child and only daughter of John Henry and Mary L. (Williams) Countryman. She was born January 15, 1881, in Wright County, Iowa. Ethlyn Maude married –?– Wheaton, and had a daughter, Grace (Wheaton) Fulton. Ethlyn's second husband was Walter Keesey.

by Donald P. Countryman

WILLETTS, ALICE (LAZIER)

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Alice, of Alice Maude (Countryman), of John Irvin, of John S., Jr.

I am proud to say that my grandfather,

Alice and Allen Willetts, taken in October 1985 for their 50th wedding anniversary, June 16, 1986, by Jeffrey R. Kepner Studio, Rochelle, Illinois.

John I. Countryman, wrote the introduction to Part II (page 63) of the *Countryman Genealogy* which was started by his brother Alvin, who died in 1916. His book was published in 1925. Grandfather started to work on this in 1917. Others who helped in the writing were: Miss Emma V. Countryman, Arthur F. Guest, and Ida Countryman Craft. John Irvin Countryman, born December 14, 1844, was the fourth John in the line from Conradt and the fourth son of John S., Jr., and his wife Nancy Failing. John I. was born in the town of Danube, Herkimer County, New York. He died at age 90 in 1934 in Lynville Township while living at the home of his daughter Alice. Both Grandfather and Grandmother are buried in Lindenwood Cemetery, Illinois.

John I. was one of four Countryman brothers who married four Wagner, sisters also from Danube, New York State (pictures p. 288–289 in the 1925 genealogy and at the beginning of the Family History Section of this book). Grandfather and his bride of two years, Rose (Wagner) Countryman, migrated to Ogle County, Illinois, where brothers and sisters had preseded them. They started farming in 1869 on a 240-acre farm they had purchased in Lynville Township. Fifteen years later they bought a nearby 80 acres. On this farm were raised Viola, Alice Maude, Mabel, and son Elmer.

My mother, Alice Maude Countryman, was born June 24, 1873, in Lynnville Township and married George Arthur Lazier on July 17, 1895. She died February 25, 1939, at the age of 66, of cancer. George A. was born August 27, 1871, in Madison, Wisconsin. He died of a heart attack on October 5, 1953, age 82, after living 14 years at the home of his daughter, Alice Rose Willetts, Rochelle, Illinois. Both my mother and father are buried at the Lindenwood Cemetery.

They farmed on Grandfather's farm for 40 years. Here Wilbur Arthur was born March 28, 1900. He died May 14, 1976, and is buried in Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills, California. Harold Elmer was born on the farm September 21, 1901. He died December 27, 1976, in Rochelle, Illinois, and is buried at Lindenwood Cemetery, Lynville Township. Also born there was Alice Rose, February 18, 1911. All three children attended nearby Fletcher one-room school and graduated from Rockford, Illinois Central High School. We boarded during the week and took the train to return home weekends. Wilbur and Harold continued their education at the University of Illinois, Urbana. Harold graduated in agriculture and Wilbur in chemistry. I graduated from Northern Illinois State University, DeKalb, Illinois, in elementary education.

After college Harold married Vera Talbot on June 4, 1927. Vera was born July 5, 1905. He and Vera farmed with our father. Later, in 1935, father and son bought in partnership the Lazier Seed Company in Rochelle, where they sold small farm seeds and contracted to grow and sell Phister Associated Growers Hybrid Seed Corn.

Our family was active in the Lindenwood Union Church. Father held offices in the Farmer's Institute, campaigned for the farmers' causes and prohibition. Playing in the Rochelle City Band for 50 years was one of his favorite pastimes. Several others in our family were band members, also. My mother was a much loved hostess who graciously welcomed many friends and relatives who frequently visited "down on the farm."

Alice Rose Lazier married Allen Booth Willetts, born March 14, 1909, in Belvidere, Illinois, at the home farm on June 16, 1936. We met at Northern Illinois University where Allen graduated in industrial arts. He taught eight years in junior high school at Woodstock and Lake Bluff, Illinois. In 1939 he became a salesman for Lazier Seed Company. I taught three years in the one-room Phelps school and three years in the primary room at Lindenwood. Later, after our two sons were in school, I returned to part-time teaching for ten years and nine full-time in the May second grade in Rochelle, Illinois.

Allen and I have been living in Wickenburg, Arizona, for the past eight years, during the winter months.

by Alice R. Willetts

WILLETTS, DAVID ALLEN

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David, of Alice, of Alice Maude (Countryman), of John Irvin, of John S., Jr.

David Allen Willetts, son of Alice R. and Allen B. Willetts, was born May 10, 1938, in Waukegan, Illinois, graduated from Rochelle High School in 1956, and received a degree in mechanical engineering at Michigan State University and a master's in industrial management at Purdue University, Indiana. He attended naval officer's candidate school at Providence, Rhode Island; supply officer's school at Athens, Georgia; and served as a supply officer in the Atlantic fleet for 4½ years with a tour by destroyer to the Mediterranean and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

During this service David married, on April 15, 1962, in the King's Presbyterian Church, Nancy Louise Hill, born December 23, 1939, in Rochelle, Illinois. Nancy graduated from Northern Illinois State University in home economics and taught school in Lake Zurich, Illinois. They have two children: Douglas David, born in Charleston, South Carolina, on July 3, 1963; and Loralie Ann, born in Norfolk, Virginia, on April 10, 1965. Lori is a junior at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, and Douglas is a senior at the University of Wisconsin at La Crosse. He is in the army reserves, a second lieutenant.

Dave and Nancy now live in Denver, Colorado, where he is employed by the Natkin Company. Previously he was employed for 19 years with Trane Company in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

by Alice R. Willetts

WILLETTS, DONALD EDWIN

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Donald, of Alice, of Alice Maude (Countryman), of John Irvin, of John S., Jr.

Donald Edwin Willetts, son of Alice R. and Allen B. Willetts, was born December 29, 1942, in Rochelle, Illinois. He graduated from Rochelle Townnship High School in 1960 and from the University of Illinois with a master's degree in ceramics engineering in 1965.

On June 19, 1965, Donald married Sandra Claire Kendall, born March 28, 1942, in Urbana, Illinois. "Sandy" graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in elementary education. She is now teaching school in Sylvania, Ohio. Don has been employed with Owens Corning Fiberglass, Toledo, Ohio, for 20 years and presently lives in Sylvania, Ohio. They have two children: Kent Allen, born in Newark, Ohio, on October 26, 1970; and Amy Elizabeth, born in Toledo, Ohio, on January 23, 1973.

by Alice R. Willetts

WOODY, FRANK & MARY (HAYES)

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(See photo next page.)

Frank, of Sarah Elizabeth (Countryman), of Horace, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Frank Woody, son of Judge and Elizabeth Woody, was a well-known lawyer in Missoula and Helena, Montana. He became totally deaf, but was known for his ability to write laws that could not be contested, and wrote more than half the laws for the state legislature in his time in office. He was often written up in sports magazines as the deaf attorney who so expertly fished the Madison River.

Frank married Mary Hayes in Missoula and they had two sons and a daughter. Franklin was a major in World War I and an aerial surveyor. He had no children. John was an athletic goods salesman, having been an athlete in school. He married Helen Wold, a school teacher, and had four children. Mary Elizabeth, a medical records librarian in several colleges, married Richard West. Her son, R. Woody West, is a newspaper editor in Washington, D.C.

by Helen Woody

Frank Woody.

WOODY, FRANK & SARAH ELIZABETH (COUNTRYMAN) F548

Sarah Elizabeth, of Horace, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

The Woody family developed through the marriage of Horace Countryman's daughter Sarah Elizabeth to Judge Frank Hargreaves Woody of Missoula, Montana. They were married on his birthday, December 10, 1871. Frank H. Woody was born December 10, 1833, in Chatham County, North Carolina, and Sarah Elizabeth (Countryman) Woody was born December 10, 1871, in Yuba County, California.

Of their seven children (all born at Missoula, Missoula County, Montana Territory), only four lived beyond early childhood, three to adulthood. Rose Anna Woody was born December 19, 1876, and died October 6, 1877; Ruth Emma Woody was born January 10, 1881, and died February 14, 1881; Rachel Woody was born August 25, 1884, and died September 25, 1884; and Robert Thomas Woody was born October 17, 1886. Thomasine Elizabeth (Beth) Woody was born March 30, 1889, and died at the age of ten years on February 24, 1899, from measles or scarlet fever. Frank Woody was born on December 1, 1872, and died in August 1945 at Helena, Montana. He was a well-known attorney. Mary Alice (Allie) Woody was born July 2, 1874, at Missoula and is buried there. She did not marry, and stayed with her parents and looked after their interests until their deaths. Florence Pyrene [Flora Payne?] (Flo) was born November 8, 1879, married David Anderson, an army officer, and spent 20 years in the Philippines, retiring in Washington, D.C. Flo was a member of the D.A.R. (The first Woody came to Plymouth in 1638 and the first Countryman in about 1710 to New York state.) She died in Washington, D.C., and is buried beside her husband in Arlington Cemetery. Flo had no children.

Sarah Elizabeth (Countryman) Woody.

Judge Frank Woody.

Elizabeth (Countryman) Woody was one of the first teachers in Missoula, Montana, and started the first Sunday School there. She married an older man who had the qualities she could admire, and pushed him on from lawyer to judge. She interested him in the Masonic Lodge, where he became Grand Patron for the state of Montana, and she became Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star in Montana — 1908. He was already the owner and editor of *The Missoulian* . She got him to build a mansion in the southern manner and send his daughters to Annie Wright Seminary in Tacoma, Washington, and his son to Guilford College in North Carolina.

All this was accomplished by a frail woman who had been badly burned as a child, having fallen into a campfire on the long trail. One hip was burned and she carried a cane all her life. Her left little finger was burned off to the first joint. Talk about a pioneer woman who managed to carry on the refinements of civilization! Even in her fine home she had only Indians as servants, as pointed out by her granddaughter, Mary Elizabeth Woody.

Franklin Hargraves Woody died at Missoula on December 16, 1916, aged 83 years 6 days. Sarah Elizabeth (Countryman) Woody died at Missoula July 15, 1919, aged 66 years 6 months and 9 days.

by Helen C. Woody
with dates taken from the Woody Family Bible

WOODY, FRANK JOHN
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Frank John, of John, of Frank, of Sarah Elizabeth (Countryman), of Horace, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Frank John Woody is possibly the outstanding person of this generation. He was a

Senator Frank John Woody with Elizabeth Marie and Frank Patrick.

state senator for 2½ terms until his death in 1977, from leukemia. His law practice was successful. He also had worked for many years on a bill to change the juvenile justice structure, and the senate passed it as he lay dying to let him know his work was acknowledged, although it was not perfected. This was the first revision in 70 years in Washington state. Changing the law had been the pet project of a well loved senator, Frank Woody. During the 1977 session while he was dying of cancer the bill was passed as a tribute to him. (Quoted from *Corrections* magazine, February 1980.)

Frank has two children: Elizabeth Mary, in her first year at the University of Washington, expecting to study law; and Frank Patrick (Pat), in high school, interested in botany and art.

by Helen Woody

WOODY, JOHN & HELEN (WOLD)
F550

John, of Frank, of Sarah Elizabeth (Countryman), of Horace, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

John Newton (Jack) Woody was born July 3, 1905, in Missoula, Montana. He died November 7, 1976, in Everett, Washington, and is buried in Arlington, Washington, cemetery.

His oldest daughter, Mary Josephine, was born January 31, 1934, in Helena, Montana. She is a legal secretary and active in Democratic politics. She married Richard Holt in 1953 and in 1966 married Edward Heavey, a well-known attorney. Her children are: Eric Holt, a musician in Hollywood, California;

John N Woody.

Christina Marie Holt of Tacoma, Washington, a company representative for Maryatt Industries; and Sheila Maureen Holt of Seattle, Washington, working for a paper distribution company. All are college graduates.

John's second daughter is Sarah Helen (Woody) Turk. She was born April 1, 1936, in Spokane, Washington, and married Glenn Turk. Sarah is active in civic and church affairs in Stanwood, Washington, and is a mail carrier on a rural route. Glenn was a dairyman but now works for the Stanwood School District. They still live in the farm. They have four children: Marie Ann, born February 26, 1961, a student at PSU School of Law; Colleen Louise, born October 28, 1962, studying to be a teacher; Gail Lynn, born August 2, 1966, in college taking premed; and Patricia Allyn, born April 4, 1968, a high school student. Their grandchild, Brittany Marie, was born May 26, 1984.

Frank John Woody was born June 20, 1937, in Spokane, Washington, and died July 26, 1977, in Woodinville. He married Dianne Dunkin and they have two children: Elizabeth (named for her great-great-grandmother) Marie, born March 26, 1967; and Frank Patrick (Pat), born April 17, 1969.

Michael Arno Woody was born May 27, 1940, in Arlington, Washington. He married Louise Erickson in 1965 and they have three boys: Gregory Eric, born March 4, 1964 (Louise's son, adopted by Michael), a refrigeration installer; Olaf Arno, born July 27, 1968; and Anton Alfred, born November 14, 1971. Michael is a top airplane mechanic. For many years he was with Alaska Airlines; now he is working for the Air Force in Panama, keeping the Southern Air Command planes in condition. This involves much travel.

by Helen C. Woody

WORTHY GRAND MATRON — IOWA — 1973
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Mrs. Grace Countryman, Kingsley, Iowa, Worthy Grand Matron.

Grace (Petersen) Countryman

Grace, wife of Ardell, of Cleveland, of Andrew J., of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Grace Countryman was initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star in Pierson Chapter No. 509 at Pierson, Iowa, October 5, 1942.

She was appointed Martha in 1943 and served as Worthy Matron with her husband, Ardell, as Worthy Patron in 1946.

She served as a Grand Chapter Committee Member in 1955, Grand Martha in 1957, and as a District Instructor from 1959–1969, when she was elected Associate Grand Conductress.

In the fall of 1972 she was elected Worthy Grand Matron of Iowa. Her "Autuman Harvest" session was held in Sioux City, Iowa, October 23, 24, 25, 1973.

The backdrop for our session was mountains with wheat fields and a large country church with lighted stained glass windows and a tall steeple. A maple tree with falling leaves stood by the church along with other fall bushes. There was a white board fence in front of the church and on to the center of the stage. The lighting was changed to give the feeling of morning, afternoon, and evening. Yellow and rust mums were on the podium and in front of the stage, along with a huge golden bell mounted on an old white wagon wheel. Overhead were the words *Autumn Harvest* in large, gold English letters.

Her watchwords were: Faith — Patience — Harmony. Motto: "Always have patience to work until good is accomplished; promoting

harmony in your every day living." Symbols: Bells — Pheasants — Leaves. Traveling Emblems: Bible — Sheaf. Colors: Red — Green — Gold — Bronze — and all fall colors.

Our opening session was an organ prelude, followed by the Bible and Emblem Ceremony, Flag Presentations and Tributes, and the Presentation of Guests from other Grand Jurisdictions.

The following day was devoted to reports, ceremonies, the election of officers, and the business and new legislation of the Grand Chapter.

That evening we had a beautiful Memorial Hour. Tributes were given for five of Iowa's own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who had gone to their Eternal Home. Our Grand Secretary gave a loving tribute to all departed Sisters and Brothers. Our Grand Chaplain was in charge of our Memorial Hour, with thoughtful words and beautiful music. During the narration, the room was darkened and a spotlight appeared on the figure of Jesus for the solo "He Touched Me." All during the memorial, we had a lavender spotlight on the backdrop.

The 1973 Grand Officers exemplified the degrees ten times throughout the state.

Another highlight of our year was when Ardell and I hosted a three-week tour to Europe. Forty-six Iowa Eastern Stars joined us on this delightful tour through Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, England, and France.

I travelled nearly 35,000 miles during my year, and each mile was a joy, in going into another Chapter to greet and meet new and older Eastern Star members.

by Grace Countryman

WORTHY GRAND MATRON — MONTANA — 1909

F552

Elizabeth (Countryman) Woody

Elizabeth, of Horace, of Peter, of Conrad 2nd, of Jacob, of Conrad 1st, of Johann Fredreich.

Elizabeth (Countryman) Woody, wife of Judge Frank Woody, daughter of Horace and Elizabeth (Payne) Countryman, served as Grand Matron of Montana in 1909. She was ill at home — too ill to attend Grand Chapter. A message came over the wires with wishes for her recovery, followed later by another congratulating her on her election as Grand Matron.

Elizabeth presided over the 20th session of Grand Chapter of Montana.

During her Memorial Hour, she sent fraternal sympathy of the Grand Chapter of Montana. There were nine in Sister Jurisdictions. For the memorial of members of subordinate chapters she recommended that the usual memorial pages be set apart, sacred to the memory of those from other Grand Jurisdictions as well as their own members. (At this point in her address the names of the dead were called and flowers for each placed on the Altar. Then all members repeated the

Mrs. Elizabeth (Countryman) Woody, Worthy Grand Matron Order of the Eastern Star — Montana — 1909. Taken from the Montana Grand Chapter Proceedings.

Lord's Prayer in unison.)

Her first visit to her home Chapter was April 27, 1909. A large attendance of members and visitors were there to welcome her. After the work had been completed, they retired to the dining room where a banquet was held. The tables were placed to form a star.

On June 21, 1909, she visited Adah Chapter, No. 17, Kalispell. After a most enjoyable trip from Missoula to Ravalli by rail, then stage to Polson, at foot of lake, then a boat ride over the beautiful Flathead Lake to Summers, again by rail to Kalispell, she was finally met by several Sisters and Brothers and stayed for several days. Adah Chapter had their own Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron, Sister and Brother Pomeroy, to instruct and advise them. They held their meeting, including initiation — "After chapter closed, we marched into the banquet room and partook of a feast of good things which had been so painstakingly prepared and daintily served, all to the Queen's taste." Several chapters began their meetings at 8:30 p.m.

She visited Pearl Chapter, No. 14, Philipsburg, arriving in the rain to the home of her Associate Grand Matron. Chapter was called to order at 8:30 p.m. They had initiation this evening. Chapter presented her an engraved spoon with a picture of the Hope Quartz Mill. This mill had been built over 40 years earlier under her father's superintendence, as was also the Masonic Hall where the Masonic and Eastern Star meetings are held. Later they were feasted with strawberries, ice cream, cake, punch and coffee. Also, these rooms were well decorated with many fresh flowers.

Miscellaneous: "I refused dispensation to receive, ballot and initiate at the same meeting. One complaint that seemed to be quite general is that Chapters do not open on time and that makes the closing hour late, consequently many remain away. I would advise not waiting for tardy officers, but open on time, be up and doing. You will see a larger attendance and greater interest taken."

Conclusion: "A year ago, when too ill to be with you, over the wires came a message of greeting from the Grand Chapter then in session, and wishes for my recovery, which was followed later by another, congratulating me on my election as Grand Matron. I could not reply in time before Grand Chapter was closed. My heart was filled with thankfulness and joy.

"My gleanings are so few; I wish they would have been more.

"Let us remember that 'old scenes, old friends will lovelier be, the more Heaven in each we see.'"

by Grace Countryman

YOUNG, EARL & LILLIAN RUTH (COUNTRYMAN)

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Left to right: Esther Countryman (great-grandmother), Lillian Ruth Countryman, Florence Evelyn Countryman, Jim Countryman, and Milford Countryman.

The Canadian Countrymans — Lillian, of Hugh, of Bernard, of Barney, of William, of Jacob II, of Jacob I, of Conrad, of Johan Frederick.

Lillian Ruth, daughter of Hugh Lloyd and Leuella May (Bradford) Countryman, was born on June 5, 1915, at North Channel, Ontario. I have two sisters, Florence and Leuella, and four brothers, Milford, Hugh, Charles Bruce, and Raymond. I married Earl Young on July 1, 1933. We are presently both retired and live at Maitland, Ontario.

Earl and I have eight children: (1) Elmer Lyle, born 7 December 1936; (2) Calvin Delbert, born 19 March 1939; (3) William Harvey, born 28 February 1940; (4) Marjorie Elizabeth, born 16 June 1943; (5) Allan Rodger, born 19 November 1945; (6) Barbara Mae, born 20 March 1947; (7) Clifford Garfield, born 12 November 1948; and (8) Sylvia Marlene, born 21 May 1953.

As the first grandchild of Bernard and Ella Rose Countryman, I was the favorite for a long while. Gran and Uncle Jim Countryman always had a huge cheese under the spare bed upstairs where it kept very well. My dad only allowed me so much cheese. He always cut off a small piece of cheese and sprinkled it with salt for "Ruthie"(me), but many a piece of cheese was passed my way under the table from Gran's hand to mine.

by Lillian Ruth (Countryman) Young

ZIMMERMAN – DeWOLF

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Sarah Zimmerman, probably with a niece. Sarah, daughter of Clarissa Lucinda (Countryman) and Gottlieb Zimmerman, granddaughter of Heinrich C. and Catharina (Dockstader) Countryman.

Sarah, of Clarissa (Countryman), of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Gottlieb Zimmermann and his wife Clarissa Lucinda (Countryman) Peters had twin daughters named Sarah O. and Clara A., born 28 July 1871 in Yorktown Township, Henry County, Illinois. Their father died four weeks before their fourth birthdays. The family later moved to Rochelle, Ogle County, Illinois.

Sarah (Sadie) was probably living in Wisconsin when she met and married widower Manning DeWolf 2 February 1897 in Neillsville, Clark County, Wisconsin. The magistrate ceremony was performed by Louis J. Glass, a justice of the peace, with witnesses John and Kate Bryner.

Manning, born 8 September 1858 in Eagle, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, was a farmer in Hewett, Clark County, at the time of his marriage to Sarah. His parents were William C. DeWolf, born October 1820 in Ohio (his mother from Connecticut, his father from Massachusetts) and Mary Wilton, born in London, England. Manning was married 25 September 1886 to Laura Alice West by a justice of the peace in Hebron, Jefferson County, Wisconsin. Alice was born in Glendale, Monroe County, Wisconsin, to Hial and Mary Ann (Hollinger) West. She died during the birth of their sixth child (who also died) in Hewett Township, Clark County. The children were all born in the cabin home nine miles west of Neillsville near Wedges Creek. Alice was buried on Babcock's Hill just south of the former village of Columbia, ten miles southwest of Neillsville. (The farm was in Section 14 of Hewett Township.) The other five children were:

(1) Frank, born in 1855, married Velma in 1917. "Ran away" at age 11 to his grandfather's in protest of his father's second marriage. Resided in Fallon, Montana, and Moose Lake, Minnesota. Issue: Ralph, Alice, Frances.

(2) James Manning, born 12 October 1891, married Ethel Hayes 24 January 1917 in Brownsville, Linn County, Oregon. Resided in Shedd and Foster, Oregon. In 1967 he had five children (one, Clarine [William] Faust), 16 grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren.

(3) Maggie, born May 1893, died in 1919.

(4) Ralph, born in 1895, was adopted by the Andrew Lawsons at age 18 months. He married Nettie Lunderville 24 October 1917 in Alma, Buffalo County, Wisconsin. A farmer (as were his two brothers) in Neillsville. Issue: Arlo (wife Mildred, son Richard; resided south of Neillsville) and Howard (died at age ten) Lawson.

(5) Hiram, died in infancy.

Because of unfortunate circumstances, the three brothers lost touch. Three 1963 issues of a Neillsville newspaper gave an interesting account of their lives, how they found each other, and their reunion after 67 years of separation. Their stories again appeared in October of 1967 when the James DeWolfs and the Ralph Lawsons met to celebrate together their golden wedding anniversaries.

The boys recalled their father as being a rough outdoorsman, with very little of the world's goods. James recalled how his father warmed the feet of the children on a winter's evening before they went to bed. "He made us take off our shoes and wet socks. Then he opened the door and made us go outside and run around the house in the snow. Then we jumpped into bed and pulled the covers over us. [Our feet] burned like fire!"

After Manning and Sarah's marriage, Manning served as a "Rough Rider," 1st Regiment of U.S. Cavalry, organized during the Spanish-American War of 1898 by Theodore Roosevelt. He probably was not around when their first son, Paul Frederick, was born 28 April 1898 in McHenry County, Illinois. (Was Sarah staying with her sister Clara at the time?) Paul lived only 11 months 10 days. He died at home in Hewett Township, Clark County, Wisconsin, on 7 April 1899 after being ill for two weeks with indigestion or cholera infantum. Burial was conducted by Rev. Wilhen in Neillsville. Soon Manning, Sarah, James and Maggie moved to Waterloo Precinct, Linn County, Oregon, near Salem. Manning's father William went with them. Two children were born to them during their stay on a farm there: Adeline Clarissa, born 1901, and John Arthur, born 1903. Here Manning was employed as a logger.

Shortly thereafter, Manning returned to Wisconsin and after purchasing a farm on Melrose Road in Irving Township (Section 17), Jackson County, he sent for his family, who no doubt moved back via the railway system, in late summer 1904. (James remained in Oregon.) Another son, Robert Edward, was born in 1913. Their farm, in beautiful, hilly country, eventually contained 120 acres and was later owned by son John Arthur.

Manning died 19 February 1930 of chronic bronchitis and chronic myocarditis at the age of 71 years 4 months 11 days. The funeral was held in the Methodist Church in the village of Melrose, Jackson County, with the Reverend M.A. Zimmerman of Burr Oak officiating. (*The Banner Journal* 2–26–1930) Sarah suffered a cerebral hemorrhage, and also had chronic myocarditis and hypertension. She died 10 June 1944 at the age of 72 years 10 months 28 days. "The end came with little warning, although Mrs. DeWolf had not been too well." (*The Banner Journal* , 6–14–1944) Services were conducted by Rev. Zimmerman. Both she and Manning are buried in the Melrose Cemetery, southwest of the village of Melrose.

by Lorraine Weick

ZIMMERMAN – EYRE

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Catherine, of Charles, of Clarissa (Countryman), of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

The sixth child of Charles Conrad Zimmerman and Fredrika J. Boehm was Catherine E. Zimmerman, born 22 May 1898 in the family home at 344 Main Street (new number 578), Aurora, Kane County, Illinois.

In 1917 Catherine was occupied as a clerk and in 1919 as a stenographer for the American Well Works in Aurora. She was married around 1919 to James Eyre. They were residents of Aurora at least until 1961, although no listings were found for them in the city directories.

by Lorraine Weick

ZIMMERMAN – SCHILTZ

F556

Alta, of Charles, of Clarissa (Countryman), of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Alta H. Zimmerman was born 13 November 1888 in Marseilles, LaSalle County, Illinois, to Charles Conrad Zimmermann and Frederika J. Boehm. Her family moved to Aurora, Kane County, in October of 1890 and lived at 344 (new number 578) Main Street. Here she would have attended the public schools. She was the oldest of eight children.

In 1910 Alta was working as a seamstress for the American Suspender Company in Aurora. On 12 July 1911 she was married to Albert J. Schiltz in Aurora by the Reverend P.J. Weber, a Catholic priest. Albert was born in Aurora in March of 1890. His parents were George A. Schiltz, a woodworker born in Illinois, and Susan Adams, born in Germany. George's parents had also been born in Germany. The city directories show Albert as being empoyed as a routeman for the Aurora Dairy Company in 1912, and as a clerk for the American Well Works in 1914 and 1915. His occupation was not listed in 1917.

Sometime after the printing of the 1917 directory, they moved from Aurora. In 1922 they were residing in Madison, Wisconsin. In family obituaries from 1942 to 1961, Alta was listed as living in San Diego, California.

by Lorraine Weick

ZIMMERMAN – SMITH

F557

Clara, of Clarissa (Countryman), of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Left to right: Sarah O. amd Clara A. Zimmerman, second set of twins born to Gottlieb and Clarissa Zimmerman. Probably also on their 16th birthday, 1887.

Clara A. and Sarah O. were the second set of twin girls born to Gottlieb Zimmerman and his wife Clarissa Lucinda (Countryman) Peters. The event took place on 28 July 1871 in Yorktown Township, Henry County, Illinois. The twins were almost four when their father died. The family was living in Rochelle, Ogle County, by the time the girls were nine years old, so they probably attended school there. Mother Clarissa ran a boardinghouse to support the family. Tuberculosis took the lives of the older twin sisters, who were buried in the city cemetery, when Clara and Sarah were 14 and 15.

Around 1890 Clara was married to Francis (Frank) W. Smith, who was born February 1865 in Iowa. His father was a native of Canada, his mother, a native of New York. In 1900 Francis was a farm laborer and the family lived in a rented house in Seneca Township, McHenry County, Illinois.

Their children, all now deceased, were: (1 and 2) names and dates unknown, deceased before 1900; (3) William Birdsall, born 18 April 1892 in Missouri (brother George lost track of him after he joined the navy — he is believed to have died in the service); (4) Maude C., born 13 December 1893 in Illinois; (5) Hazel A., born 20 August 1895 in Illinois, married Charles (Charlie) O'Laughlin, resided in Colorado, died in the summer around 1968 at Fort Collins, Larimer County, Colorado, and buried there (two children — Denis and Nell Rae); (6) George R., born 18 October 1897 in Illinois, resided and died in Superior, Douglas County, Wisconsin, never married; (7) Francis C., born 1 January 1900, not listed in the 1900 census, enumerated June 5; (8 and 9) twins Emily E. and Lucinda, born 11 April 1901; (10) Gladys M., born 12 October 1903 in Tennessee, resided and died in Superior, Douglas County, Wisconsin, married to a Mr. Genardine (one son, Dick, who resides in California); (11 and 12) twins Oscar M. and Edgar R., born 3 February 1905.

Clara was sill living in McHenry County, Illinois in 1903, but by 1910 she was a housekeeper for widower James H. Crowley at his farm on Disco Road, Irving Township, Jackson County, Wisconsin. Of the seven living of her 12 children, only George, age 12, and Gladys, age 6, are listed with her. No record of Francis was found, although Clara is shown as being "married" for 19 years.

The following was received from Clara's nephew, Robert DeWolf of Minneapolis, Minnesota: "Clara and Francis Smith became separated. She thought he was dead by reading the wrong death report. She remarried a Henry or Andrew Ketchum in Wisconsin. My mother [Sarah Zimmermann DeWolf] got a letter from Francis Smith from New Orleans in the early 1930s asking about his family!"

Clara did not survive her mother, who died in May of 1926. Clara resided and is buried in Superior, Douglas County, Wisconsin.

by Lorraine Weick

ZIMMERMAN – SWITZER

F558

Myrtle, of Charles, of Clarissa (Countryman), of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Myrtle F. Zimmerman was born 9 August 1903 at home, 344 Main Street (new number 578), Aurora, Kane County, Illinois. Her parents were Frederika J. Boehm and Charles Conrad Zimmerman. The midwife who signed the birth certificate claimed the middle name to be "Fredia."

Myrtle worked as a senographer/bill clerk for the Barber-Greene Company of Aurora before and after her marriage to James A. Sweitzer/Switzer around 1925. James was employed as a plumber for Hinsdales, P.F. Schuster, and then Wm. H. Frazier possibly until about 1940. We then find them living in Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, in family obituaries dating from 1942 to 1961. It appears that Myrtle's father was residing with them for awhile around 1948.

by Lorraine Weick

ZIMMERMAN – WHITE

F559

Hazel, of Charles, of Clarissa (Countryman), of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Hazel Anna was the second child born to Charles Conrad Zimmerman and his wife Fredrika J. Boehm. Hazel was born 6 June 1890, possibly in Marseilles, LaSalle County, Illinois, where her older sister had been born. The family moved to Aurora, Kane County, in October of 1890.

Before her marriage, Hazel had worked as a telephone operator for the I-S Telephone Company, and then as an operator or clerk for the Wade, Lietz and Grometer company. On 2 June 1915 she was married to Ralph Marsh White by Frank Erwin Brandt, a priest, in Aurora. Ralph, a clerk for Scraper Works, was born to Thomas Ford and Nellie (Marsh) White in June of 1888 in Aurora. Thomas, a carpenter, and his wife were both natives of Massachusetts.

Ralph and Hazel made their home at 561 New York (new number 825). Ralph later worked at Metal Lab, and as a secretary and purchasing agent for Aurora X-ray Corporation and Humphreys X-ray Corporation. After Ralph's death about 1933, Hazel found employment for a while as a dressmaker. Around 1942 she married Daniel Fernandes, and they were residents of Springfield, Illinois. It is believed Hazel died between 1943 and 1947, as she was no longer listed as a survivor in family obituaries.

by Lorraine Weick

ZIMMERMAN, ARTHUR & LOIS (HORTON)

F560

Arthur, of Charles, of Clarissa (Countryman), of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Arthur C. Zimmerman was born 9 February 1892 in Aurora, Kane County, Illinois. His parents were Frederika Boehm and Charles C. Zimmerman.

In 1907 Arthur was employed by F.E. Royston and Company, but by 1910 was an apprentice tinner for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad. He continued there as a tinner until about 1923, then at G.R. Jacobs about a year. Around 1926 he became installer and sheet metal worker for Holland Furnace Company, and in 1948 was listed as an air conditioning engineer. His last employment was for Fred Baxter Heating Company in Downers Grove. He was an active worker in the Boy Scouts of America.

On 27 May 1911 Arthur was wed to Lois C. Horton, also of Aurora, by the Reverend William Reece Dixon, pastor of the Congregational Church. The ceremony took place in Geneva, Kane County. Lois was born to George Horton and Mary Gable in Aurora 9 October 1891. She became active in the Royal Neighbors of America and had served in the position of oracle. She affiliated with the Women's Christian Temperance Union and had been a president of the W.R.C. She and Arthur were members of the Marion Avenue Baptist Church in Aurora.

On 28 November 1961 Arthur died at age 69, after being at Copley Hospital in Aurora just four hours. His funeral was conducted by the Rev. C. Orville Kool and the Rev. Albin Applequist at the Healy Chapel. The city directory lists Orville Kool as pastor of the Marion Avenue Baptist Church. Arthur was buried at the Riverside Cemetery, Montgomery, Kane County, where his parents and brother Charles R. were also interred. The children were listed as son Gene C. of Arlington Heights, Mrs. Marvin (Amber) Pederson of Rock Island, and Mrs. Richard (Marian) Smith of Canton, Ohio. There were three grandchildren.

Lois succumbed at Copley Hospital on 29 January 1963 after being there three and a half days with coronary infraction. She was 71 years of age. The funeral was conducted at Healy Chapel by the Reverend Nicholas G. Daniels of the Marion Avenue church. She rests beside her husband. Since the death of Arthur, one more grandchild and twin great-

grandchildren had been added to the family.

About 1946 Arthur and Lois purchased a home at 231 Ingleside where they remained until their deaths.

by Lorraine Weick

ZIMMERMAN, ARTHUR C. & LOIS (HORTON)

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On May 27, 1911, Arthur Christian Zimmerman eloped with Lois Cecil Horton, the fifth child of George and Mary Catharine (Gable) Horton. The ceremony took place in the parsonage with the minister's wife, Mrs. Beth R. Dixon, as a witness. Arthur was an avid small game hunter. Arthur and Lois had the following children:

(1) Amber Mae, born March 14, 1912, in Aurora, Illinois, married Marvin Pederson (Spearstone), divorced. One daughter, Amber Avis, married Richard Cardenas and has children.

(2) Marian Ruby, born August 28, 1914, Aurora, Illinois, married November 28, 1935, Frank Henry Highly, divorced, remarried 1956 to Richard D. Smith. Marian worked for the Canton, Ohio, city income tax office from its inception until her retirement. She has been active in choral groups. One child from the first marriage: Judith Ann Highley, born October 4, 1936, in Newport News, Virginia, married Louis Alois Meier on June 6, 1958, four children — Ingrid Kristine Meier, born September 24, 1962; Diane Elizabeth Meier, born September 24, 1962, married Curtis Wayne Snider June 8, 1985; Karen Louise Meier, born September 23, 1964; and Scott Andrew Christian Meier, born October 13, 1970.

(3) Gene Charles, born May 9, 1925, Aurora, Illinois, married October 22, 1949, Jean Elizabeth Hall (born November 11, 1927), has three adopted children: Lisa Jean, born April 29, 1960, married Anthony Cornelius Hibbs III on October 10, 1981; Paul Christian, born January 14, 1962, graduate of West Point Military Academy; and Erik Jay, born February 20, 1964, married Geneva Lynn Byrge on June 5, 1982, two children, Christina Marie and Michelle Lynn, divorced.

by Judith Meier

ZIMMERMAN, CHARLES & FREDERIKA (BOEHM)

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Charles, of Clarissa (Countryman), of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Charles Conrad Zimmermann was born 26 September 1866 in Wheeling Township, Cook County, Illinois, to Clarissa Lucinda (Countryman) Peters and her second husband, Gottlieb Zimmermann. Possibly the following year the family moved to Yorktown Township, Henry County, to a farm east of Hooppole, Illinois.

Charles Conrad Zimmermann and his wife Frederika Boehm with children Arthur, Hazel, Alta, and Charles, Jr. (left to right). Photo taken in Aurora, Kane County, Illinois, about 1894. Charles is the son of Gottlieb and Clarissa (Countryman) Zimmermann.

Charles was married to Frederika ("Reka") J. Boehm on 2 January 1888. Frederika was born in Germany on 19 December 1865 and came to this country when she was six years of age. She lived in Dundee, Kane County, Illinois, and vicinity most of her life.

The Zimmermanns first lived in Marseilles, LaSalle County. Here their first child, Alta H., was born 13 November 1888. Possibly their second daughter, Hazel Anna, was also born here, as she arrived in June 1890, four months before their move to Aurora, Kane County, in October of 1890. The births of their other six children took place in Aurora: Arthur C. (1892), Charles R. (1894), Earl M. (1895), Catharine E. (1898), Myrtle F. (1903), and Marguerite H. (1905).

Charles was employed as an iron moulder at the American Well Works (later the Aurora Foundry) and some years was listed as foreman. The children were raised in their home at 344 Main Street (new number 578), which was listed in 1900 and 1910 as being rented.

Frederika suffered a stroke of paralysis (apoplexy) and died in their home on 5 June 1922 at the age of 56 years 5 months 17 days. The funeral was conducted by the Reverend F.G. Beardsley in the First Congregational Church, of which she had been a member for the preceding four years.

After his wife's death, Charles lived for a few years with son Earl and family in Aurora. The city directories indicate he retired from the foundry around 1932. In 1948 he was residing in Moline, Rock Island County, probably with daughter Myrtle Switzer.

Charles was residing at 1705 17th in Rock Island at the time of his death from prostate carcinoma on 3 October 1950. He was 84 years and 7 days. He was a member of the Maccabee's lodge.

The funeral was conducted in the now historic Healy Chapel in Aurora by the Reverend Francis E. Cooper of the Marion Avenue Baptist Church, the church attended by son Arthur and his family. He was buried with his wife and son Charles R. at the Riverside Cemetery, Montgomery, Kane County, at the southern edge of Aurora. Son Arthur and his wife Lois are also buried in the same section of this cemetery.

At the time of Charles' death he had surviving him one son, four daughters, ten grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

by Lorraine Weick

ZIMMERMAN, CHARLES & PEARL (WHITTAKER)

F563

Charles, of Charles, of Clarissa (Countryman), of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Charles Raymond was the fourth child of Frederika Boehm and Charles Conrad Zimmerman. Charles was born 26 February 1894 in Aurora, Kane County, Illinois.

Charles worked as a tinner/spring maker/blacksmith for Scraper Works, and then the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad before his marriage to Pearl Whittaker. Pearl was born about 1893 in Grand Rivers, Livingston County, Kentucky, to Morris and Lizzie (Adkins) Whittaker. Pearl and Charles were married 24 April 1915 in Aurora by Justice of the Peace Lester Galvin, but were divorced probably sometime after 1922, when they were listed as living in Detroit, Michigan.

In 1942 at the time of his death, Charles was listed as living with his brother Arthur and family at 929 Talma Street, Aurora; however, one account of his death stated he had not lived in Aurora for several years. The *Aurora Beacon* news account of 6 April 1942 stated in part:

Former Aurora Man Killed by Train in Ohio . . .

"The victim of the train accident was Charles Raymond Zimmerman . . . who was killed near Wadsworth sometime last night. A telephone call received this morning by Chief of Police . . . Hess did not reveal any details of the tragedy except that his body had been found lying along the side of the railroad tracks. Identification was made by his social security card and other papers in his possession."

Charles had been "one day at the place of death." He died of "cerebral confusion/fractured skull" at the age of 48 years 1 month 10 days. The funeral was conducted by the Reverend G. Paul Stowell of the New England Congregational Church at the Healy Chapel. Charles was buried near his mother in the Riverside Cemetery, Montgomery, Kane County.

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ZIMMERMAN, CHARLES CONRAD & FREDERIKA (BOEHM)

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Fredericka Boehm (Behm/Bahm) was the daughter of Gottlieb Boehm. She had a sister, Mary Mack, whose husband, Charles, was a butcher in Joliet, Illinois. They had three daughters, Edith Robeson, Frances Stoltz, and Marie (married name unknown). Another sister of Fredericka was Jennie Tessendorf, whose husband was a farmer near Crystal Lake, Illinois. They had a large family. Two of their sons, Albert and George, were plumbers at Marengo, Illinois. A daughter,

Alice, lived in Ohio.

Charles was a molder (a sand mold for casting metals) in a foundry at Marseilles, Illinois, before coming to Aurora. Several times he visited his mother, Clarissa, and brother Philip when they lived out in Ismay, Montana. He also often visited his sister Sarah DeWolf and her son Robert at Black River Falls, Wisconsin (and LaCrosse, Wisconsin).

by Judith Meier

ZIMMERMAN, EARL & EDNA (MARVIN)

F565

Earl, of Charles, of Clarissa (Countryman), of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Charles C. Zimmerman and Fredrika Boehm became the parents of Earl Mathew in Aurora, Kane County, Illinois, on 21 December 1895. At age 15 he was employed as a driver for Olhauer and Company, and then worked at Scraper Works before enlisting as a seaman in the United States Navy on 30 April 1918 (World War I). After his discharge 17 January 1919 he became employed by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company, with positions listed variously as clerk, trucker and laborer. About 1943 he was an assembler for the Western Austin Company.

Around 1919 Earl was married to Edna A. Marvin, born in Downers Grove, DuPage County, to Archie and Mabel (Steere) Marvin. Edna had also worked for a time at the CB&Q.

One daughter was born to Earl and Edna: Audrey Elaine, born 21 December 1924 in Aurora. Audrey attended the Aurora schools except her junior year of high school when her parents lived briefly in the Naperville High School district. Tragedy struck when Audrey died at Copley Hospital in Aurora on 25 April 1942, shortly before graduation from Aurora West High School, after a brief illness. The obituary states she was a victim of "diabetes"; however, the funeral home record gives the cause of death as acute myocarditis. Audrey had been a commercial student. The pallbearers were seniors from her commercial class. She had been a member of the Girls' Athletic Association as a freshman and sophomore, and a member of the Mixed Chorus those two years. She also had been a member of EOS, the Commercial Club (senior), and Gym Circus (sophomore). The school yearbook paid tribute to her: "In Memoriam. Audrey Zimmerman. December 21, 1924–April 25, 1942. Her dynamic personality and quick wit will keep alive our memories of Audrey. The exceptional ability she showed in all her activities, both at school and at work, held promise of a happy and successful future. We Seniors of 1942 pay sincere tribute to a wonderful person, our classmate, Audrey Zimmerman."

Audrey's funeral was conducted at Healy Chapel, Aurora, by the Reverend G. Paul Stowell of the New England Congregational Church in Aurora. She was buried beside her grandmother Mabel Steere Marvin (1873–1941) at the Oak Hill Cemetery, Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois. She was 17 years 8 months and 4 days of age.

Earl and Edna were last listed in the Aurora city directories in 1943 (1944–45 issues missing). In 1948, at the time of Earl's death, they were residing on Elmore Road (Route 1), Downers Grove, DuPage County. Earl died on 26 January 1948 at the Hines Veterans' Administration Hospital, Cook County, Illinois. The funeral was held at the Healy Chapel with the Reverend Whitmore Beardsley officiating. The funeral home record shows Earl's occupation at that time as carpenter. He lived to be 52 years 1 month 5 days. Earl was buried in Grave 3, Lot 14, East Section, at the Oak Hill Cemetery, Downers Grove. The grave is unmarked.

No further information is available on his wife Edna.

by Lorraine Weick

ZIMMERMAN, MARGUERITE H.

F566

Marguerite, of Charles, of Clarissa (Countryman), of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Marguerite H. Zimmerman was the eighth and last child born to Charles Conrad and Fredrika J. (Boehm) Zimmerman. She was born 14 September 1905, possibly at the family home in Aurora, Kane County, Illinois, as were at least two of her older sisters.

Marguerite was employed for a while at J.M. Cowan in Aurora before becoming a long-time employee of Barber and Greene Company, manufacturers of heavy construction equipment. Her occupation here was listed as stenographer/clerk/office worker until about 1959 when she was promoted to department supervisor, a position she held until her retirement around 1972. She resided for many years at 405 Downer Place, but most recently had an apartment.

by Lorraine Weick

ZIMMERMAN, MARGUERITE H.

F567

Marguerite was about 15 years old when her mother died. She stayed with her dad while she finished high school. Later, she lived with her brother Earl and his wife Edna; and then still later, she lived with her sister Myrtle and husband "Bubs" until they moved away from Aurora to Moline, Illinois.

by Judith Meier

ZIMMERMANN, GOTTLIEB & CLARISSA L. (COUNTRYMAN) PETERS

F568

On March 14, 1861, Gottlieb Zimmerman, age 24, received a passport in Karlsruhe, Great Dukedom of Baden, Middle Rhine District, Rural District, granting him permission to travel to North America for the purpose of settling there. On August 11, 1862, he enlisted in Co. A, 82nd Illinois Volunteer Regiment, in Chicago, for three years. He suffered hardships in the winter of 1862–63 and took "sick with Rheumatism and suffered terribly, being made perfectly helpless for the time of at least three months."

In the Battle of Chancellorville, Virginia, he was taken prisoner on May 2, 1863. Returning to active duty following his release, he was wounded on June 19, 1864, in Kinnesaw Mountain, Georgia, when he was shot by a minie-ball from a musket. "Struck him in the left arm above the elbow, glanced the bone cutting some of the cords of the arm, passed up the arm and was taken out under the arm."

On July 17, 1865, eight months after his marriage to Clarissa, Gottlieb was discharged from the army. The family was living in Wheeling, Cook County, Illinois. By the time Gottlieb applied for an invalid pension on March 18, 1867, they were living in Henry County, Illinois (Annawan P.O.). Gottlieb's death in 1875 was attributed to the gunshot wound suffered in 1864, according to pension papers.

On September 17, 1879, Clarissa was married to Charles H. Henke in Whiteside County, Illinois, by E.G. Allen, Justice of the Peace. Their residence was in Prophetstown. By census time in 1880 (Rochelle, Ogle County) the marriage apparently had been dissolved. After her twin daughters Katie and Barbara died from consumption (tuberculosis), Clarissa was faced with large medical bills. On December 28, 1886, Clarissa, still living in Rochelle, petitioned for restoration to the pension rolls, declaring that her marriage to Mr. Henke was void because he had a living, undivorced wife. By 1888 she and Gottlieb's four living children were residing in Dundee, Kane County, Illinois. On June 9, 1888, Clarissa was restored to the pension rolls, and received $30.00 a month.

Clarissa required the care of a physician on March 14, 1926, and then daily from March 16 to her death. Those listed as nursing her during her last sickness were Sarah DeWolf, Charles Zimmerman (Aurora, Illinois), and Adeline Hartung (Melrose, Wisconsin). She left no property.

by Judith Meier

ZIMMERMANN, PHILIP G.H.

F569

Philipp G.H. Zimmermann, born in 1874, son of Gottlieb and Clarissa (Countryman) Zimmermann and grandson of Heinrich and Catharina (Dockstader) Countryman. Taken in Elgin, Kane County, Illinois, about 1890.

Philipp, of Clarissa (Countryman), of Heinrich C., of Conrad III, of Conrad II, of Conrad I, of Johann Friedrich.

Philipp G.H. Zimmermann was the youngest child of Clarissa Lucinda (Countryman) Peters and her second husband, Gottlieb Zimmermann. He was born 19 June 1874 in Yorktown Township, Henry County, Illinois, probably in the family's farm home. Twelve days after Philip"s first birthday, his father was dead from consumption (tuberculosis). The family were faithful members of the Hooppole Evangelical Church.

In 1900 Philip was a farmer in Farmington Township, LaCrosse County, Wisconsin. With him were residing his mother "Carrie L." and his 12-year-old niece, Flossie Peters. He owned the farm, according to the census.

On 30 August 1904 Philip was married in an informal common-law ceremony to Emma Landers Burns at the home of her parents, Isaiah and Ursula (Seely) Landers in Brockway Township, Jackson County, Wisconsin. R.C. Bryan pronounced the marriage, witnessed by Bert and Lillian Tester. One of the parties had vowed there were no legal obstcles to prohibit this marriage. One son was born to this couple. Unfortunately, the marriage did not last.

Sometime after 1908 Philip and his mother Clarissa ventured to Montana where they homesteaded two 160-acre tracts of land near Miles City. In his mother's obituary in 1926 Philip's address was given as Ismay, which is in Custer County, east of Miles City. In 1917 Frank DeWolf, oldest son of Manning DeWolf and his first wife Alice, was residing with his wife Velma near Fallon, Prairie County, Montana, which is about 30 miles northwest of Ismay. Frank was a stepson of Sarah Zimmerman DeWolf, Philip's sister.

After Philip's mother died in 1926, Philip continued to live at Ismay at least until 1932. Possibly because of health problems he no doubt sold the farm and returned to Wisconsin. He was at the home of his sister Sarah in Irving Township, Jackson County, when chronic myocarditis took his life on 3 November 1936, at the age of 62 years 4 months 14 days. Burial was at the Melrose Cemetery, southwest of the village of Melrose, on Route 54. Several family members are buried there.

by Lorraine Weick

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F570

Can anyone identify this couple?

I don't know who is pictured here. The photo was given to me. It belonged to Edith Countryman, now deceased. Her half sister said it was a Countryman couple, but no name.

sumitted by Hazel Y. Haupt

Countryman Index

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